



COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Water Policy

GOVERNMENT'S statement on the Colony's water storage position published on Sunday is impressive, even encouraging, but not entirely convincing. Expert appraisal of the situation and the prospects based on past records suggest the authorities, at least, are optimistic and that if the weather cycle continues true to the form of the last 60 years, further restrictions may not be necessary—but only if!

From the statistics supplied, it would appear that Government's optimism is not entirely misplaced yet it must be tempered with due caution. Hongkong knows all about the inconsistencies of the weather and no amount of theorising, however plausible, will convince us that "early falls can be expected."

The plain fact is: we are not yet out of the wood. Even if we get five inches of rain next month (which the authorities say is essential to guarantee the 1,500 million gallons reserve supply for use from May possibly to July), this does not necessarily mean that the present three hours' supply can be continued.

RAIN in April may or may not signal the start of the rainy season. If it doesn't and we get only desultory showers in April with no promise of further falls in May, Government would be wise to revise its assessment and prepare for the worst.

The precaution will be essential. For it may be that the rainy season will not start until July and that will mean the authorities will have to eke out the reserve stock over a period of about 75 days which will involve cutting present consumption from about 24.2 million gallons a day down to about 20 million gallons a day.

That may be regarded as an excessively pessimistic view but it would be gross foolishness to take any chances. Meteorologists and civil servants are not infallible people and they would be the first to admit it. Neither would they claim that their deductions are conclusive. At best they are only a guide.

AT this period of the year, however, it is possible to say that by and large the conservative water policy and especially the zoning system instituted by Government last year has been of immeasurable benefit. In the second driest summer of Hongkong's history, the Water Authority succeeded in "spreading" the supply admirably to the general satisfaction of people living in all parts of the Colony.

Last October the general expectation was that our "zero hour" would become apparent in the first weeks of the new year. That the crisis was averted temporarily was due in some small measure to the advent of Typhoon Pamela in November and partly also to the careful use of water by many residents in the succeeding months.

For official figures show that with the changed supply conditions after November 20 consumption increased by only about 200,000 gallons a day and despite the dry winter, a consumption of 24.2 million gallons has been consistently maintained.

This has led Government to conclude that the water supply position is "fairly satisfactory." Notice should however be taken of the qualification "fairly": it is one guarded note in an otherwise optimistic review which should not be overlooked. At this stage, the Colony can only hope that the predictions of the Water Authority turn out to be correct and that no further cuts are necessary.

Advisers Urging Eisenhower To Defend Matsu & Quemoy

Red Invasion Reports 'Perhaps Exaggerated'

Taipei, Mar. 28. American Ambassador Karl Rankin today said reports from Washington that the Communists would attack Matsu and Quemoy by mid-April were "perhaps exaggerated."

The Ambassador indicated that while the situation in the Formosa Straits was serious he did not think war there was imminent.

He made these remarks to Columbia Broadcasting Station correspondent Bob Pierpoint in an exclusive interview today.

"I am not aware of any fundamental change in the local situation in recent weeks," Ambassador Rankin said. "The reports of military buildup by the Communists have perhaps been exaggerated, since they relate to a continuation of a gradual military buildup in South China which started over a year ago."

Rankin warned however that "There are two points which should be kept in mind concerning the present Formosa Straits situation."

"One, the evidence of aggressiveness on the part of the Communists—particularly in their public statements."

"Two, seasonal changes which always make an attack more probable in spring or autumn."—United Press.

Man Admits Appalling Crime

New York, Mar. 28. The young father of twins admitted today that he killed a rural couple and their baby granddaughter, then drove to town and back to await the arrival of their daughter from school to complete a quadruple murder, the police said.

Billy Gibbs, 22, an unemployed Korean war veteran whose wife gave birth to twins last week, revealed the crime to agents of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation at Tullahoma, 35 miles southwest of McMinnville, Tennessee, where he was rushed for safe-keeping from the anger of aroused farmers. He was charged with murder.

The young farmer confessed he killed Henry Bratcher after an argument, forced Mrs. Bratcher to throw the baby in a cistern, shot her, and drove to town to sell his rifle and some of the Bratcher's meat.

He returned to the farm to wait for 10-year-old Lily May Bratcher, who came home on a school bus. Gibbs murdered the girl when she screamed at the sight of her mother's body, he was quoted as saying.

Gibbs admitted taking a pair of mules, a sow and pigs in addition to the meat from the Bratcher smokehouse and their truck. He was quoted as saying, "I guess I did not know what I was doing. I needed some money."—United Press.

Hoodlums Invade School

New York, Mar. 28. Six young hoodlums stormed a high school classroom today, immobilised its teacher with a swinging bayonet scabbard and beat up two members of the class.

The teen-aged Negro gang leader brandished the scabbard before the teacher and told her, "Keep quiet and mind your own business." Other gang members pulled the two students from their seats and kicked and beat them.

Police said the hoodlums were believed to be a "war party" of a juvenile gang seeking revenge for an earlier ruckus.

One of the beaten boys was treated for scalp laceration, is the subject of a current medical problem. But George Lent, secretary to Dr. William Jansen, superintendent of schools, said today's incident was "the first time I've ever heard of such a thing happening."—United Press.

Hongkong Gloves OFFICIAL PROBE SUGGESTED

London, Mar. 28. The Worcester Glove Manufacturers Association fear that gloves imported from Hongkong under imperial preference might be partly made in Communist China and want the Board of Trade to investigate.

The association has asked Mr. G. R. Ward, Member of Parliament for Worcester, and Mr. A. E. Baldwin, Member of Parliament for Leominster, to approach the Board of Trade with a view to its sending a delegation to Hongkong to investigate the position.

An association spokesman said today that gloves imported from Hongkong were being offered for sale at less than pre-war prices.

If exporters continued to ignore the number sent to this country, it would cause a severe threat to the British glove industry and some factories might have to close down.—Reuter.

Rebel Capital Captured

Rangoon, Mar. 28. Burmese government troops have captured Pagan, capital of the Karen rebel "Kawdo State," 125 miles northeast of Rangoon. It was officially announced today.

Pagan, which is situated near the Thailand border area, has been in Karen hands for the past seven years. Its fall deprives the rebels of their last stronghold.

Full details of the fall of Pagan are not yet available but the government's Rangoon radio station said "Burmese troops beat down their way" into the town.—Reuter.

British Gov't's Anxiety

From JOHN McKENNA

London, Mar. 28. The British government is seriously concerned over signs that the Chinese Communists are planning an all-out attack on Quemoy and Matsu for some time near the end of April, and it would like to see Big Four talks before the Reds get a chance to start.

Sources close to the Foreign Office said tonight there is every indication that the Reds will have strike forces capable of handling jets ready by that time and that forces are being readied.

But they think it big power talks can be arranged first, the Russians can be persuaded to calm their allies down.

Meanwhile there is a general reassessment of the objects of talks. Disarmament and a plan to check "Red China are now top priority items."

German reunification, once the major aim, is now secondary to disarmament. Most Foreign Office experts believe now the Paris treaties are a sure thing there is little chance of getting an agreement on reunification without an agreement on disarmament.

The United States is warning to a plan giving impetus to the "talks now" idea, and the French are ready for talks, whatever the other powers agree.—London Express Service.

HEIGHTENED SPECULATION IN WASHINGTON

FROM A TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Washington, Mar. 28. Speculation continues about the situation in the Far East, heightened by a report on Saturday—apparently officially inspired—that the government expects the Chinese Communists to attack the offshore islands next month and that the United States is likely to use atomic weapons in reply.

It is still not clear what President Eisenhower will decide should the Chinese attack, but Mr. Dulles, Admiral Radford and Admiral Carney are all reported to be urging him to undertake military defence of the islands.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the President will hold his first bipartisan discussions on foreign affairs since the present Congress convened, and the threatening situation in the Formosa Straits will certainly be at the top of the agenda.—The London Times News Service.

McCarthy's Charge

Washington, Mar. 28. In a sharp debate that ranged over foreign policy problems globally, past and present, Sen. Joseph McCarthy demanded today that President Eisenhower say publicly and immediately whether the United States will defend the Quemoy Matsu islands.

The Wisconsin Republican charged that the President "is deliberately inviting what may be an unnecessary war" by not making known the Administration's intentions on the islands off the Red China coast.

"I believe that the Administration's failure to tell the Congress what we will do is a strategic blunder of the first magnitude," Sen. McCarthy said.

"I call upon President Eisenhower to declare before another day has passed what America will do in the event Quemoy and the Matsu are attacked."

President Eisenhower will decide whether to go to the aid of the offshore Quemoy and Matsu islands. That decision will be based on whether the Administration considers an attack on those islands a prelude to an invasion of Formosa.

Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson touched off the hot exchange when he accused Senate Republican leaders of putting pressure on President Eisenhower to fight it necessary to defend the Chinese offshore islands, and indulging in "irresponsible talk" about probable war in the Far East.

"PEACE WITH HONOUR"

Republican leader William F. Knowland reported that "the road to appeasement is not the road to peace but to surrender in the instant of the attack." He said "That people desire no peace at any price but peace with honour."

They first made their remarks to newsmen, then repeated them on the Senate floor.

Meanwhile an American authoritative source, who also asked not to be named, said the Nationalists had been restrained by written agreements with the United States. These agreements, he said, were contained in an exchange of letters from Foreign Minister George Yeh to American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the time of ratification of the Sino-American mutual defence treaty.

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Taipei, Mar. 28. A high ranking Chinese official said today the Nationalists had not attacked Communist invasion preparations along the China coast even though the China civil war was still in progress.

The military officer, who asked not to be named, said the targets were within range and he said the Nationalists would like to hit them. He would not comment on why the Nationalists were not attacking those buildups.

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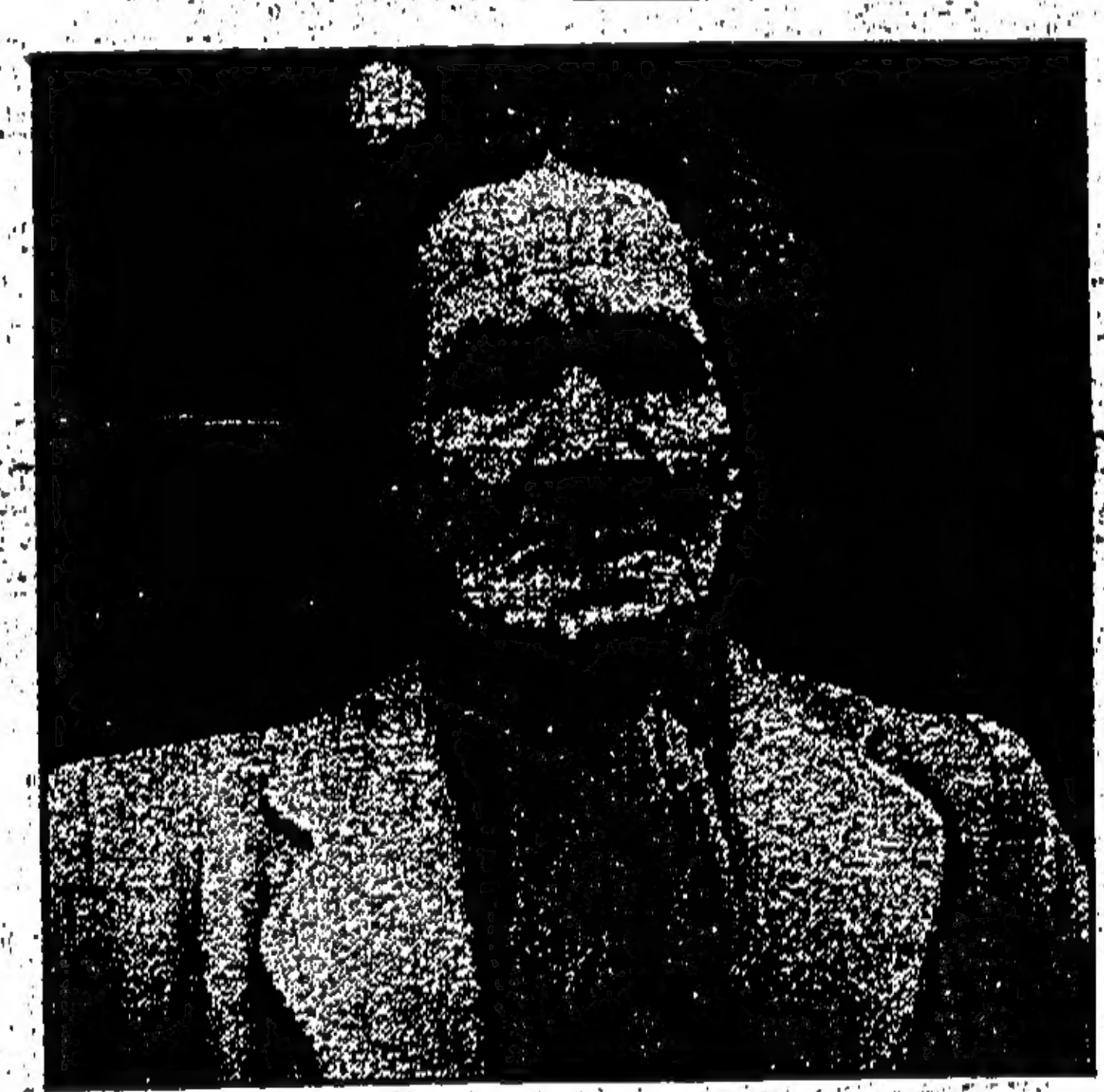
An Israeli Army spokesman said here tonight that Egyptians opened fire on Israeli positions from across the border today.

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SLAYS MOTHER

New York, Mar. 28. Nicholas Dionisio, 24, walked into a police station today and complained that his mother had been "pestering" him about getting a job. He said he killed her.

Police went to Dionisio's home, where they found the body of Mrs. Zoe Dionisio, 51. She had been beaten to death with a hammer.—United Press.



A Terrier Gives Birth To "Kittens"

Singapore, Mar. 28. Jenny, a year-old mongrel terrier, gave birth to three kittens and a normal puppy here last Saturday.

This strange litter is attested to by Jenny's owner, a Singapore school teacher named Roy Hendricks.

He said that this was Jenny's first litter. The one puppy is very puppylike, but the other three animals have all the characteristics of kittens.

Two of Jenny's "kittens" are white, while the other "kitten" and the puppy are black with identical white markings around their necks.

"We were amazed to find that three of Jenny's pups were kittens," said Hendricks, "but we are certain they are hers. Besides, Jenny normally hates the sight of cats, and she chases every one she sees, while she mothers these." Mr. Hendricks said.

However the Department of Zoology at Malaya University sent down its own verdict: "Impossible." The scientists say dogmatically that dogs are dogs and cats are cats—and never the twain shall mate.—France Press.

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No End In Sight To London Newspaper Strike

London, Mar. 28. London's newspaper strike tonight moved towards its fifth day with no hint of an early settlement.

Some 700 electricians and maintenance engineers struck early last Friday in protest against a pay offer parallel to one which a slender majority of the printing unions have accepted.

Since then the massive presses of Fleet Street have remained idle and Londoners have depended on the BBC radio and television to keep abreast of world news and sports.

Conciliation talks broke down last Friday but the Minister of Labour, Sir Walter Monckton, told a House of Commons questioner today "the services of my department continue to be available to the parties."

Mr. Alfred Robens, the Socialist former Minister of Labour, said it was perhaps "a relief for many people not to have read the national press for a day or so."

Members' laughter died away as he added that "non-publication over a continued period would be a very grave situation."

Already the strike has killed before birth over 72 million newspapers—including a scheduled 28 millions, yesterday which would have spread themselves on reporting Britain's biggest weekend of sporting events for several years.

Some millions of British children will share in their parents' loss tomorrow when the "junior editions" of the mass circulation Daily Express and Daily Mirror would normally publish. They are published by proprietors who are members of the association directly affected by the strike. Both "junior" papers were launched last autumn.—Reuter.

Covent Garden Strike Over

London, Mar. 28. The 32-day-old strike at Covent Garden, London's central fruit and vegetable market, was settled tonight, and work will begin again tomorrow.

The dispute, which seriously affected supplies to the capital, began over a wage claim.

About 150 night pickets (self-employed loaders) went on strike for a 20 per cent increase.

Later 1,000 day porters, who move the fruit and vegetables in wicker baskets, skillfully balanced on their heads, began to "go slow" for another 20 shillings a week.

Last week, at a meeting of employers and trade union representatives, agreement was reached whereby the night picketers got 10 per cent increase and the porters a 10 shillings week rise.

Today, the agreement was put to a mass meeting of the men and accepted overwhelmingly.—China Mail Special.

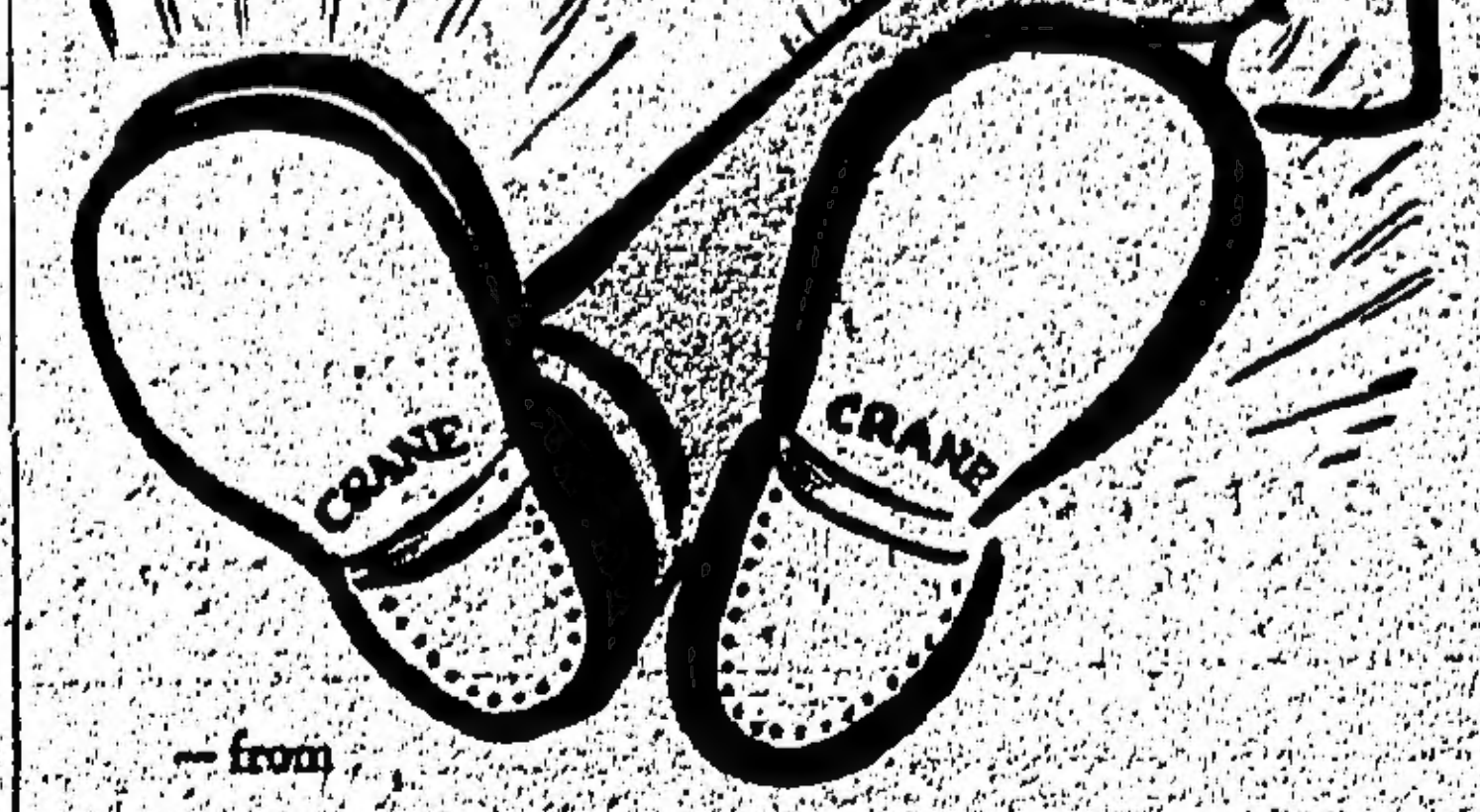
STILL VERY ILL

Washington, Mar. 28. Mr. Cordell Hull, 83-year-old former Secretary of State, was still on the critical list at Bethesda naval hospital today, but doctors said he had shown "slight but sustained improvement."

Mr. Hull entered hospital on Saturday after suffering a stroke.—Reuter.

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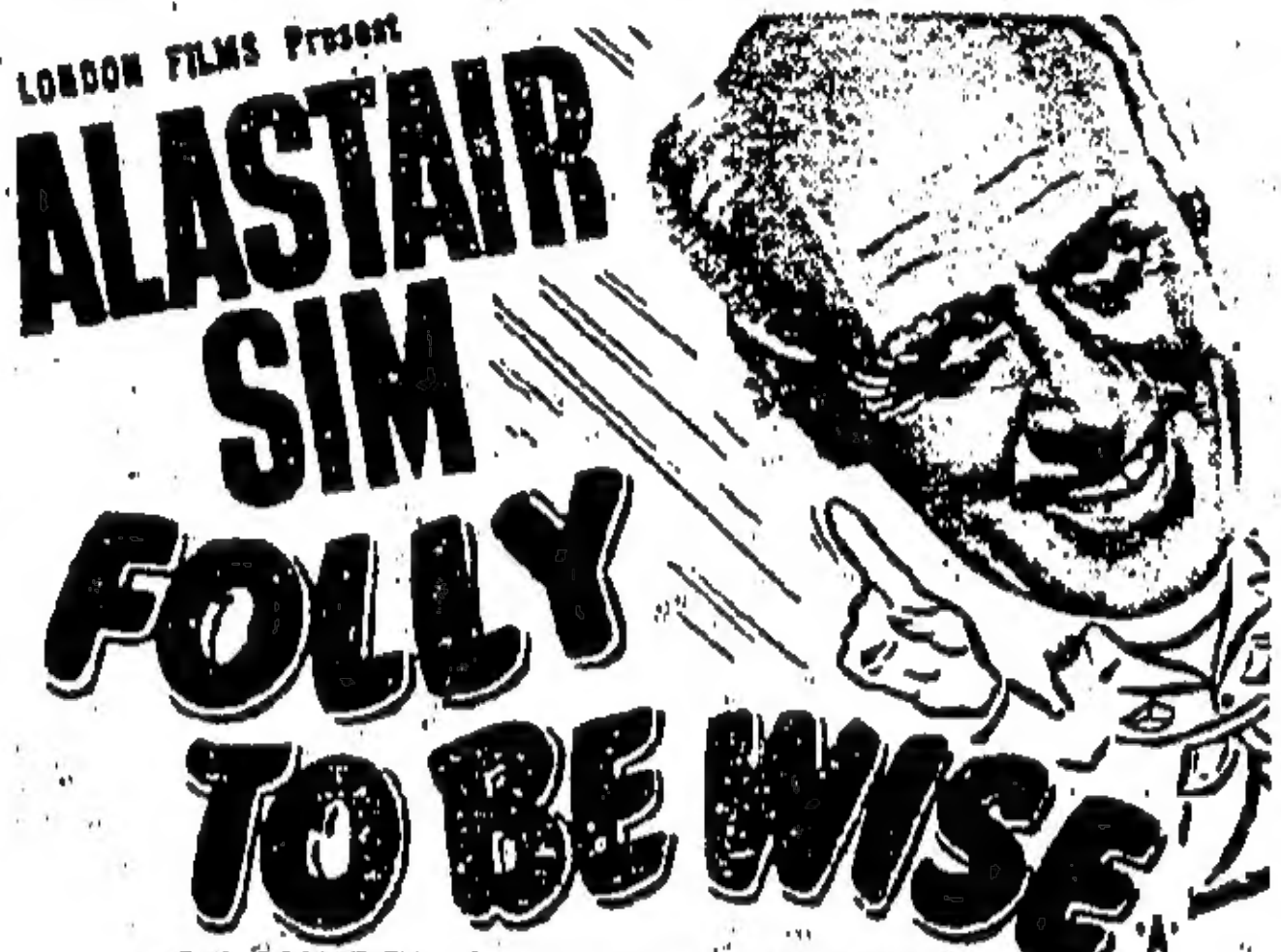
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GIRLWINS UN CONTEST



The poster which fetched the first prize at the United Nations contest for "One Day." It shows a little girl whose hair is trimmed with ribbons each of which represents a flag of different nations. The winner of the prize is a 12-year-old girl, Odette Dumont, who designed the poster.—Express Photo.

NEW POLITICAL CONCEPTIONS

Paris Treaties Outcome

Bonn, Mar. 28.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, said today that the new situation arising from ratification of the Paris treaties called for the development of new political conceptions.

These would aim at the easing of East-West tensions. Dr Adenauer said in an article to be published in tomorrow's Government Bulletin. Within the framework of large-scale political and diplomatic action to ease the conflict, the reunification of Germany would come about, he said.

Meanwhile the West German Federal Constitutional Court today agreed to receive a complaint presented by the Social Democratic Party questioning the constitutionality of the agreement on the Saar between France and West Germany.

The agreement, signed on October 23 last year, provided for a Saar referendum on a statute which would govern its status pending the conclusion of a German peace treaty. The Social Democrats opposed the Saar agreement on the grounds that the agreement "detached" the Saar from Germany.

The agreement was ratified by the West German Bundestag at the same time as the Paris agreements.

The court today gave the Social Democrats until April 18 to state their case and the government was given until April 7 to present its case.—France Press.

Wellington, Mar. 28. To remove what was thought to be a large abscess, Noella, a lioness at the Auckland Zoo, went on the operating table. The Zoo director put her to sleep with 60 nembutal tablets and then operated. There was no growth—Noella was simply fat. So she was sewn up again.—China Mail Special.

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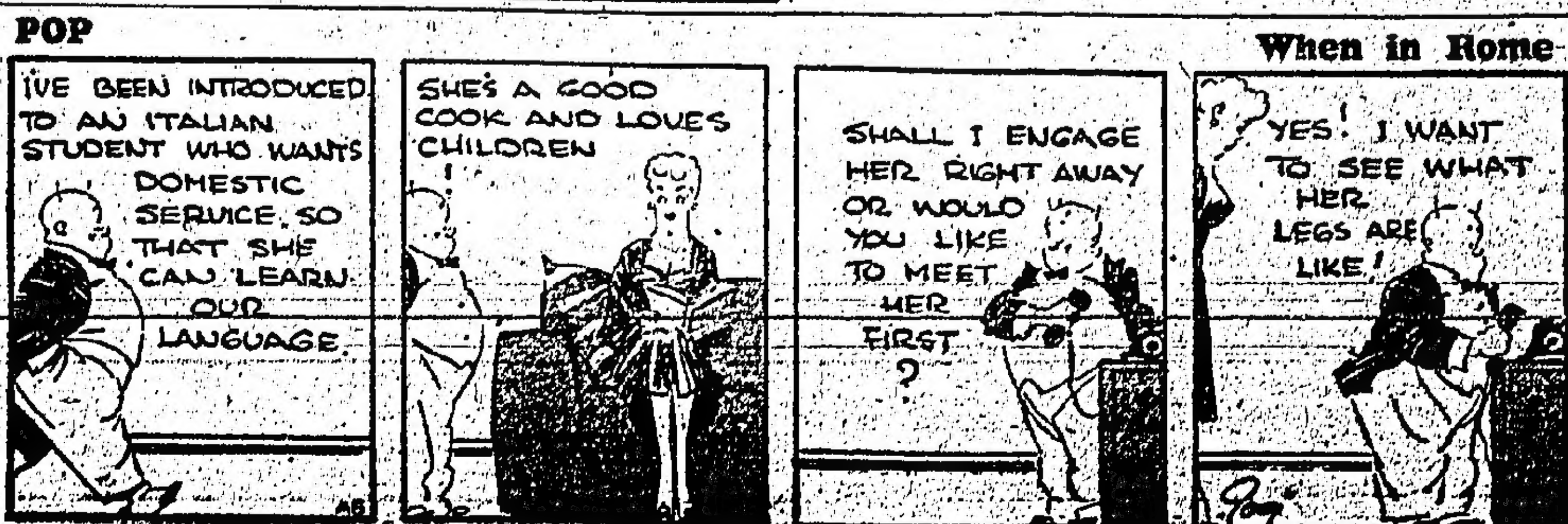
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FAR EAST CRISIS

GOP Put Pressure On Eisenhower Says Democrat

Washington, Mar. 28.

The Senate Democratic leader, Mr Lyndon B. Johnson, today accused Senate Republican leaders of putting pressure on President Eisenhower and indulging in "irresponsible talk" in the Far East crisis.

Mr Johnson also told reporters he is optimistic about the prospects of developing a "positive" foreign policy programme when Mr Eisenhower and Congressional leaders confer at the White House this week.

In criticising Senate Republican leaders, Mr Johnson mentioned no names. But it was clear he was talking about Senate Republican leader Mr William F. Knowland and the Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, Mr Styles Bridges. Both have said in the past that the United States should strike back if Red China attacks the Nationalist-held islands of Quemoy and Matsu off the China mainland.

"EVERY INDICATION"

Mr Knowland, also talking with reporters, said today there is "every indication" the Chinese Reds are "building up their potential" near the off-shore islands. But he questioned whether "any one can predict with certainty the date" on which the Chinese Communists might attack.

As for a high-level Big Power meeting, Mr Knowland said it would be a "great mistake" to have such a conference before the United States has "ironed out differences" with its allies over Far East policy. Not to reach such an agreement in advance, Mr Knowland said, "would merely play into the hands of the Soviet Union." Mr Knowland said "another Yalta or Munich would be fatal for the free world."

Mr Johnson, discussing the forthcoming White House meeting with Congressional leaders, said that the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr Walter F. George (Democrat) and the President "are pretty close to agreement." "We may be able to work out a positive programme," Mr Johnson said.

Then, citing Senate Republican leaders, Mr Johnson said: "DON'T WANT WAR. There is no time for irresponsible talk from some of our leaders. Folks are confused because some people are talking peace and some are talking war. We don't want a war party to emerge in this country and don't want an appeasement party either."—United Press.

RARE FISH FOUND IN MALAYA

Singapore, Mar. 28.

An expedition collecting fish for Singapore's new Van Kleeck aquarium have discovered about 20 specimens of one of the rarest fish in the world, a fish of the loach family which is a cross between an eel and a fish. It is eight inches long, about half an inch thick with a bright red upper fin, a black body with a red belly and a forked fin.

The specimens were found in the George V National Park in northern Malaya.

They were found in only one spot in the park, and Malay fishermen who accompanied the expedition said that they had never seen the creatures before, in fact they refused to believe that they were fish at all.

The members of the expedition hope to be able to catch more of them later for sale to other aquariums.

However, they must find a way of keeping the fish alive, for they can only live in water of a certain temperature and die if transported.—France Press.



"IRRESPONSIBLE TALK"—LYNDON JOHNSON

More Riots Break Out In Belgium

Brussels, Mar. 28.

Rioting broke out in three new Belgian towns tonight in the bitter fight over plans to reduce Government aid for Catholic schools.

At least three persons were injured in Tongeren, where 400 gendarmes used their rifle bullets to drive off Catholic demonstrators who tried to storm a Socialist political meeting.

At Mons, gendarmes drove their jeeps into a crowd to break up fighting between Catholics and Socialists which started during an address by the Education Minister, M. Leo Collard. After the crowd was dispersed, the gendarmes armed themselves with tear gas bombs and began patrolling the city.

SCHOOL ON FIRE

Skirmishing also was reported in Couillet, where a State-run school was set on fire, reportedly by Catholics who have refused to follow the advice of their leaders and let the matter of school aid be settled in the Belgian Parliament.

Catholic Deputies have declared their intention to raise the question of school aid when the Chamber of Deputies convenes tomorrow. Observers predict violent scenes both inside and outside the Chamber.

The school dispute brought bloody rioting over the weekend to normally-peaceful Belgium. Brussels had just returned to normal when the rioting broke out in other towns.

The Socialist-Liberal Government stuck to its plans to cut Catholic school subsidies by US\$9,800,000 annually despite the riots.—United Press.

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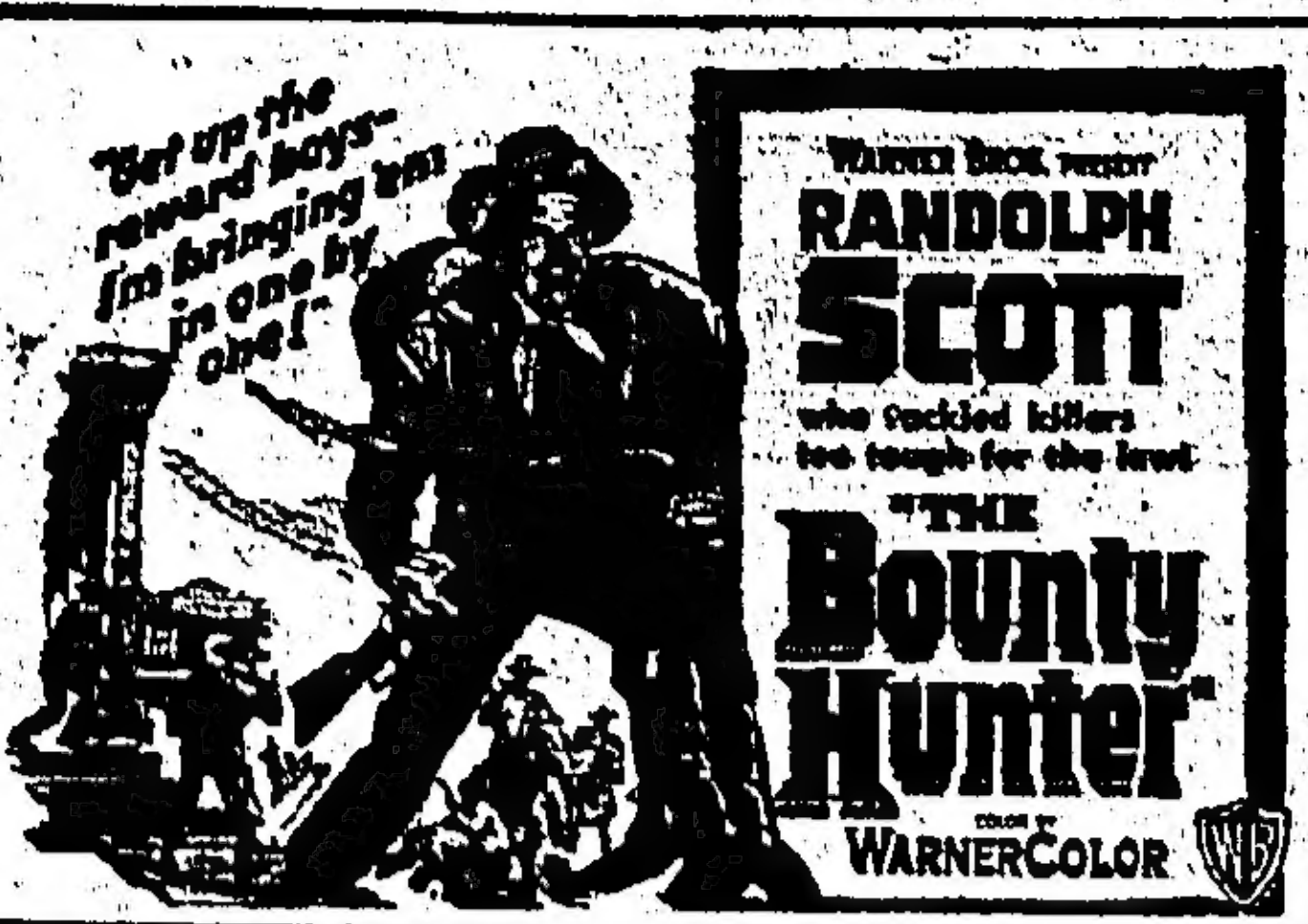
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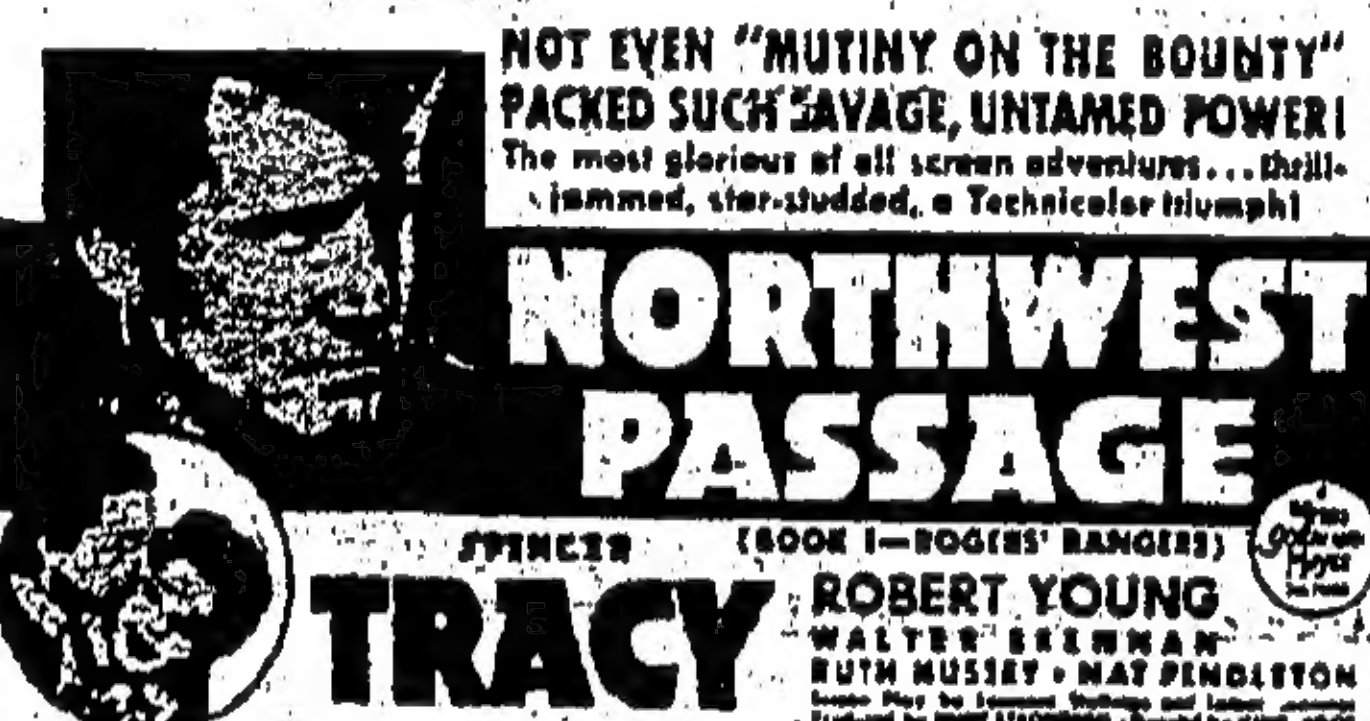
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BRITAIN'S TRADE WITH CHINA

BIG STRIKE

Oslo, Mar. 28. A fire at a match factory near Larvik, Norway, set alight and destroyed 7,000,000 matches. More than 1,000,000 of the matches were in a machine for tipping the matches with sulphur. The factory's own fire-fighting unit got the fire under control in less than 10 minutes.—China Mail Special.

PROGRESS AGAINST GLACIER

Niagara Falls, Mar. 28. The front of the giant ice jam in the lower Niagara River began to crumble today under the dynamite attack of Army engineers, but the main bulk of the glacier still held firm.

With military precision, a helicopter-borne explosives expert set charge after charge near the head end of the jam off Fort Niagara. The most destructive blast sent a city-block section of slush ice downstream into Lake Ontario. The successive blasts, felt for a distance up both the American and Canadian shores, ripped ice and water high in the air. Altogether they set free two sizable chunks, the second some 400 feet long and 150 wide; and created a 500-foot crack extending crosswise near the solid front of the jam.

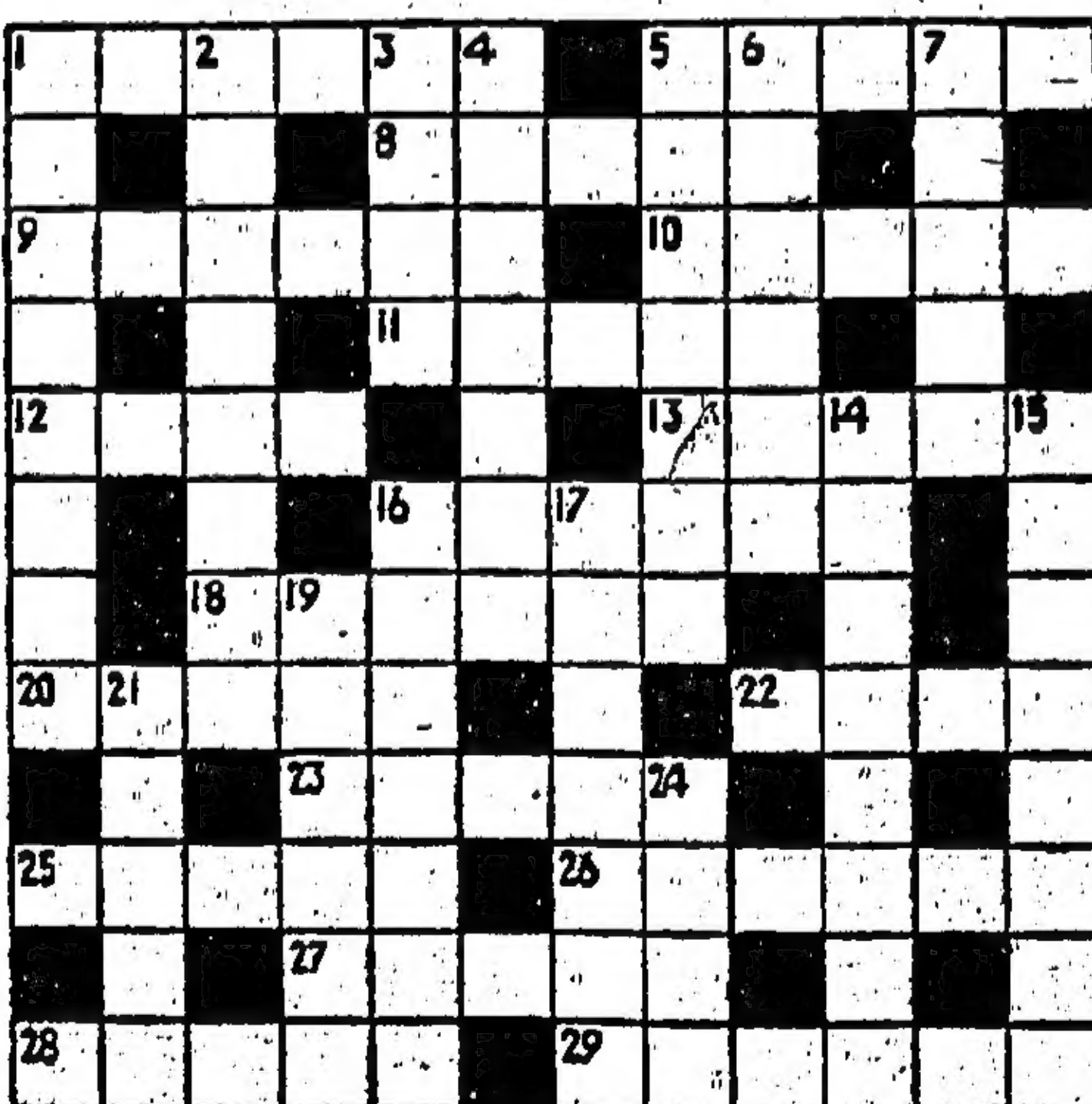
Fourteen charges were set off during the day, exploding 775 pounds of dynamite. The last blast rattled the walls and windows of the Youngstown Coast Guard Station, some 1,500 feet from the scene.—United Press.

Korea Tungsten Auction

Seoul, Mar. 28. The South Korean Government's Tahan Tungsten Corporation has announced that it will offer 300 tons of tungsten ore for sale in its fourth international auction on April 10. Bids will be received simultaneously in Seoul, New York, and London.

The Corporation sold 300 tons of ore to three New York firms—Metallock Company, Philip Rhothers Company and HWA Chiang Mineral Company—in its third international auction on March 8.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- | ACROSS | DOWN |
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| 1 Negligent (6). | 1 Unpractical (8). |
| 2 Discourages (5). | 2 Wedlock (6). |
| 3 Locomotive (5). | 3 Animal (4). |
| 4 Kind of cement (6). | 4 Closely packed (7). |
| 5 Gloss (5). | 5 Debate (7). |
| 6 Elegance (5). | 6 Stick to (6). |
| 7 Sometimes used with a hammer (4). | 7 Portion (5). |
| 8 Presses (5). | 8 Shines (8). |
| 9 Ship (6). | 9 Has existence (8). |
| 10 Degrees (4). | 10 Brave (7). |
| 11 Angler's basket (5). | 11 More than one (7). |
| 12 Requests (4). | 12 Rest (3). |
| 13 Longed for (5). | 13 Apartments (5). |
| 14 Beverage (5). | 14 Nobleman (4). |
| 15 Governors (6). | |
| 16 Tell-tale (5). | |
| 17 Lethal quality (5). | |
| 18 Letting contracts (6). | |

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Char, 7 Adorn, 8 Used, 9 Even, 10 Episode, 12 Smug, 15 Trend, 18 Plan, 19 Enlist, 21 Greet, 22 Item, 23 Elder, 24 Dale, 25 Serious, 26 Wise, 31 Fish, 32 Feline, 33 Brawl. Down: 1 Adept, 2 Wrestler, 4 Horse, 5 Buss, 6 Menu, 9 Elder, 11 Oracle, 12 Main, 14 Gun, 16 Defer, 17 Ape, 18 Pail, 20 Muffled, 22 Idea, 24 Issue, 25 Tutor, 27 Arid, 28 Eye.

Higher In Value But Lower In Prewar Volume

£15 MILLION ANNUALLY

London, Mar. 28. The Board of Trade said today that Britain's trade with China totalled about £15,000,000 annually which was about one-third higher in value but less than one-third in volume of prewar trade.

The average rate of prewar trade given in official figures for the period 1934-38 was £12,300,000—the highest year being in 1937 with a total of £14,100,000.

Last year Britain's total trade with China was £15,843,253 which was £540,289 lower than the 1953 total but nearly twice as much as the total in 1950 when the Communists took over in Peking.

SLOW PROGRESS

"We are making slow progress. Our trade with China is up in value over pre-1938 levels but the volume of trade is only about one-third or less of what it used to be in prewar days," said an official.

A spokesman for the China Association, which is one of the unofficial bodies seeking to promote trade with China, said:

US Airman Drove Through Soccer Crowd

Blackpool, Mar. 28. A United States airman who drove through a crowd of spectators leaving the Blackpool football ground after a First Division game was banned here today from driving for a year.

The airman, Alfrechtman Second Class Clarence Edison Givens, 26, stationed at Burtonwood, the big American base in Lancashire, was also fined £15 plus two guineas sterling costs for driving under the influence of drink.

Givens admitted the offence.—China Mail Special.

the volume of trade both ways was restricted by embargoes.

"The volume of our exports will remain small as long as the United Nations embargo on certain exports to China remains. And China has embargoed certain exports to us, including wolfram and tin," he said.

The Federation of British Industries also said slow progress was being made in promoting trade with China.

Officials said there was little to substantiate the claims made by "interested propagandists" that China could sustain annual trade totalling between £75,000,000 and £100,000,000.

"There is less demand for Chinese products like soy beans, tung oil, wolfram and bristle which used to form a big percentage of imports from China. Neither does China want the consumer goods she once imported from us. Most of their supplies in this line now come from other Soviet countries," said a spokesman.

Red China's most recent official trade figures available here showed that Russia was taking about 50 per cent of China's exports and supplying about 45 per cent of her imports, while other "people's democracies" took about 25 per cent and supplied about 25 per cent.

Officials here said this left about 25 per cent of China's trade to the rest of the world and there was already a "leakage" for it among Britain, Germany, Switzerland, France and Scandinavian countries.

"At the best of times our trade with China was never more than about 10 per cent of its total—even in the so-called good old days," said an official.

PREWAR VALUES

Regarding the value of British investments in China, an official said there were some estimates which placed prewar values at about £200,000,000.

"It is safe to say there is nothing approaching this amount of British capital left in China. Most of the major British interests announced their intention of pulling out two years ago. Some of the banks are retaining their branches—but there is little left by way of capital investment," said an official.—United Press.

Far East Fleet Air Arm Being Examined

London, Mar. 28. Mr Allan Noble, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said today, the "whole question of the Fleet Air Arm in the Far East is being examined."

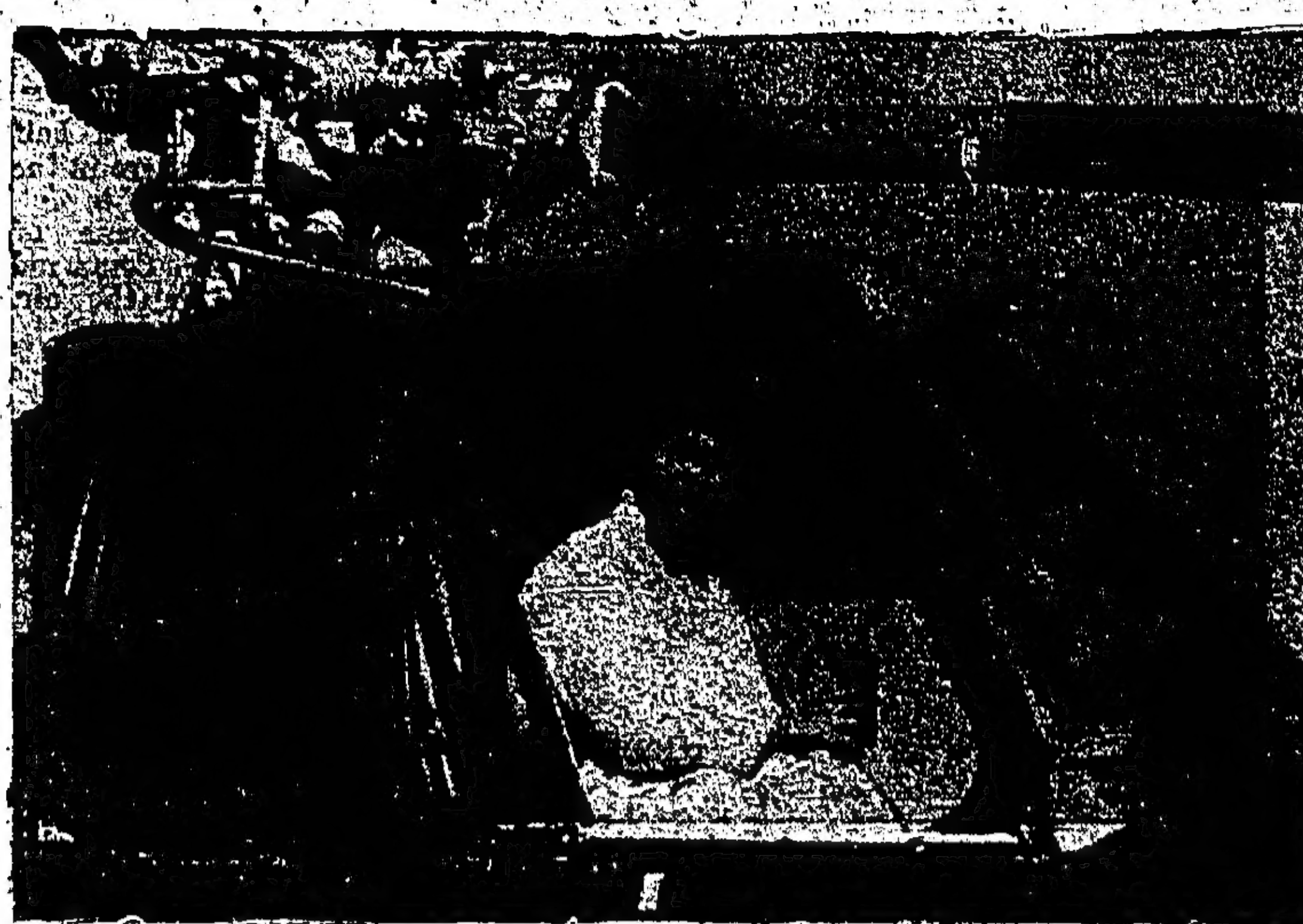
He was answering a request in the House of Commons for a statement on the future of the Royal Naval Air Station at Singapore.

Mr Noble added: "The First Lord would prefer not to make any statement until this examination is completed."

Mr John Peyton, a Conservative, who had raised the matter, said there was a great deal of discussion at this air station. The matter was urgent and he hoped a statement would be made soon.

Mr Noble said a statement would be made as soon as possible. If Mr Peyton had any information to send the Admiralty about the situation it would be carefully considered.—China Mail Special.

Korean Villagers Try Out Helicopters



"Dai-ichi-Bon"—which in English means something like "maahing"—describes the expression on the face of the local lad as he tries out the controls of a helicopter, attached to the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea. "Open House" was held for the Korean villagers who were given a tour of the "Whirlybirds" by the Marines.—Express Photo.

ONE DEAD: POLICE BAFFLED Egg-Splattered Cabin Trailer

Toronto, Mar. 28.

A man coated with shaving cream was found dead yesterday in an egg-splattered cabin trailer at Lakeview, west of Toronto, and the Police were baffled.

Mr Charles Tessier, 47, of North Bay, died with his eyes, ears and nose plugged with foam, clutching an egg in one hand. An autopsy failed to discover the cause of death.

Mr Frank Madeley, a once famous jockey who owned the trailer, was found unconscious near the body. His head was covered with a salad bowl that had been filled with shaving cream. One arm was in a sling and a sheet had been pinned around him. Clothes pegs were pinned to his ears.

LIQUOR BOTTLES The trailer was splattered with egg yolks and an open crate lay on the floor near a mound of empty, half empty beer and liquor bottles.

"This is weirder than you'll read in the books," a Police

spokesman said today. "All we find out is they must have been as drunk as they could get."

Dr F. G. Eagleston said that his post-mortem examination could find no cause of death although there appeared to be an indentation in Mr Tessier's forehead.

The Police were called to the trailer by four waiters from a beverage room where Mr Madeley, aged 41, had once worked.

They told detectives they had stumbled on the shambles when they went to visit the ex-jockey after attending a wedding reception. They had thought both men were in a drunken stupor at first.

WAITERS RELEASED

The Police released the waiters after questioning them. They said that Mr Madeley was not being held, but was being questioned.

Mr Madeley and Mr Tessier had spent most of Saturday drinking at a hotel and in the trailer, which was opposite one occupied by Mr Tessier's estranged wife. He married her last January and she left him a month later.—United Press.

PRIVATE BILL TO CONTROL COLONIAL PRISONS

London, Mar. 28.

LABOUR member of Parliament, Mr Fenner Brockway, today published his Parliamentary Bill for controlling the administration of prisons in British colonial territories and protectorates.

The Bill, supported by 11 other Labour M.P.s, is due to be debated in the House of Commons on Friday, the day for private members' measures. But since it is third in a queue of bills to be discussed that day, it is unlikely to be reached.

Under Mr Brockway's proposal the Colonial Secretary (Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd) and the Commonwealth Relations Secretary (Lord Swinfen) would have to prepare standard regulations for the administration of penal and detective institutions in British colonies and protectorates and in territories administered under the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

The regulations to be prepared by January next in consultation with the local governments concerned would then be laid before Parliament for its approval.—China Mail Special.

TURK PREMIER TO SEE TITO

Belgrade, Mar. 28. The Turkish Prime Minister, Mr Adnan Menderes, will visit Yugoslavia at the beginning of May, it was officially announced here tonight.

The invitation was extended to him by President Josip Tito of Yugoslavia, it was stated.—France-Press.

HOW FAR DOES A BULLOCK WALK?

London, Mar. 28.

EXPERIMENTS with two Hereford bullocks wearing electrically controlled recording gear on their backs have been so successful that four more animals are to be put into the special harness this summer.

For scientists have discovered it is possible to record

the institute's staff said: "We started the experiments with two bullocks last year. This year we expect the results to be better still."

What the scientists want to know from the recording gear the animals carry around with them is how much time is spent standing, walking, lying down, grazing, chewing the cud, and the total number of leg and jaw movements.

THE LINES

At the end of every 24 hours a roll of paper is taken out of the recording box and there is the information in equally lines of ink printed across from the electrically controlled pen.

Electrical impulses and switches operated by the animals' body every time it moves set the recording pen in motion.

It takes about a week for the animals to get used to the harness, then they don't bother about it at all.

The experiments are for scientists to determine how much grazing time a bullock needs.—London Express Service.

Pakistan Governor Meets Cabinet

ADVICE ON CONSTITUTION

Karachi, Mar. 28.

Twenty-four hours after the Governor-General, Mr Ghulam Mohammed, assumed supreme powers in Pakistan, his Cabinet of advisers met today to consider plans for restoring constitutional government to the country.

It was learned that at a two-hour meeting the Cabinet considered a constitutional convention which is to be called within 30 days to approve the draft of the country's first constitution which has been prepared by Government legal experts under Cabinet supervision.

A Cabinet source later disclosed that the discussions had been inconclusive and would be continued tomorrow.

He said that the main problems which had to be solved before the convention could be convened were amalgamation of the provinces and princely states of West Pakistan into a single administrative political unit and the return of a provisional government to East Bengal where more than half of the country's 78 million people live.

SCRAMBLE FOR POWER

Both problems, he added, were political and were the result of the scramble for power by rival political groups.

Mr Mushtaq Ahmad Gormani, Governor of the Punjab, who has been charged with the task of unifying West Pakistan, is understood to be negotiating with political leaders in the northwest frontier provinces, Punjab and Sind for a West Pakistan provincial cabinet which would command a majority support.

When his negotiations are completed, an ordinance promulgated by the Governor-General will dissolve the existing provincial barriers and set up a single government and legislature for the whole of West Pakistan.—Reuter.

Proposed Memorial To Lloyd George

London, Mar. 28.

Sir Winston Churchill today asked Parliament to erect a memorial to his famous Liberal predecessor, David Lloyd George.

Sir Winston Churchill served in Lloyd George's Cabinet and was associated for more than 40 years with the Liberal leader whom he today described as "a man of action and resource."

Though his words carried an affectionate ring, the Prime Minister kept on an even note throughout, and, unusual for him, appeared to follow his manuscript carefully.

He plunged straight into his subject, reminding the House of Commons of its wise move, prohibiting the introduction of proposals to erect memorials until 10 years after the death of the statesman concerned.

LONG ENOUGH

Sir Winston Churchill commented: "Ten years is long enough to allow partisan passions, whether of hatred or enthusiasm, to cool, and not too long to quench the testimony of contemporary witnesses."

He said his motion was originally drafted to include that the memorial should be within the House of Parliament. But because of the views expressed to him by the Labour and Liberal leaders, he was not asking the House to prejudice this.

LABOUR SUPPORT

The Prime Minister added: "When British history of the first quarter of the 20th century is written it will be seen how great a part of our fortunes in peace and war were shaped by this great man."

Mr Attlee supported the motion which suggested that the monument should carry an inscription paying tribute to his "eminent services to Britain, the Commonwealth and Empire in Parliament and in great offices of state."

Mr Joseph Grimond, who spoke for the Liberals in the absence of their indisposed leader, Sir Clement Davies, said: "We are very proud that Lloyd George lived and died a Liberal, and of the things which a Liberal was able to do for his country."

The motion was agreed to without dissent.—China Mail Special.

BYRD FOR ANTARCTIC



ADM. BYRD

Washington, Mar. 28. The famed polar explorer Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will head a new American expedition which will go to the Antarctic next November to prepare United States participation in the programme planned for the international geophysical year in 1957.

A Government spokesman said the expedition will include several ships and planes.—France-Press.

Champion Whale Gunner

Capetown, Mar. 28.

Champion gunner of the 19 whaling fleets in the Antarctic this season is A. Jensen, who is reported to have "shot" 487 whales while working with one of the boats from the British factory ship Balena.

Returning whalers report here that weather during the season, which began in January, was "the worst in living memory," and that they had had only 10 calm days in three months.

They said that even on calm days gales and snow hampered their work. Captain T. Berg Sorenson of Oslo said hurricane force winds, snow, heavy seas and icebergs made the whaling job hazardous. Huge waves broke over the ships steadily and big chunks of ice often littered the decks, he added.

He said it was fortunate there was no serious damage to the fleet and no one was badly injured.—China Mail Special and United Press.

109s, 111s, 190s?

Frankfurt, Mar. 28. Messerschmitt, Heinkel, Focke-Wulf, and other of Germany's most famous former aircraft makers plan to resume production of powered aircraft on June 1, an official of the Aircraft Parts Producers Association said here today.

He said negotiations with the Allied security authorities had "gone well." At the moment Allied controls do not permit the manufacture of aircraft.—Reuter.

THEY HAVE THREE JOBS FOR THE IRON FIST...

DONIDDON meets the men at whose command the H-bomb planes of the Free World would strike. The second article in an important series

Strategic Air Command Headquarters, near Omaha, Nebraska.

I HAD been told it was easier to steal a gold bar from Fort Knox than to get into the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command here in Omaha. Frankly, I haven't found it so.

The British Embassy and British Information Services had vouched for me in telephone calls from Washington to Offutt Air Base, and when I arrived in Omaha I telephoned to Colonel Reade Tilley, Chief of Public Relations. He said: "Come along to headquarters, we are looking forward to seeing you."

So I hired a car and drove the eight miles on the good Nebraska Highway to the big base. Outside the entrance a smart-looking guard saluted and said: "The Colonel is expecting you."

I had my passport, my New York Press Card, my driving licence, and a stack of other identification papers; but I wasn't asked for anything.

Perhaps the security police had checked on my background and record without my knowing.

Most of the men working at S.A.C. carried carbines or side-arms. I was told that security police with machine-guns are stationed here, but I haven't seen any.

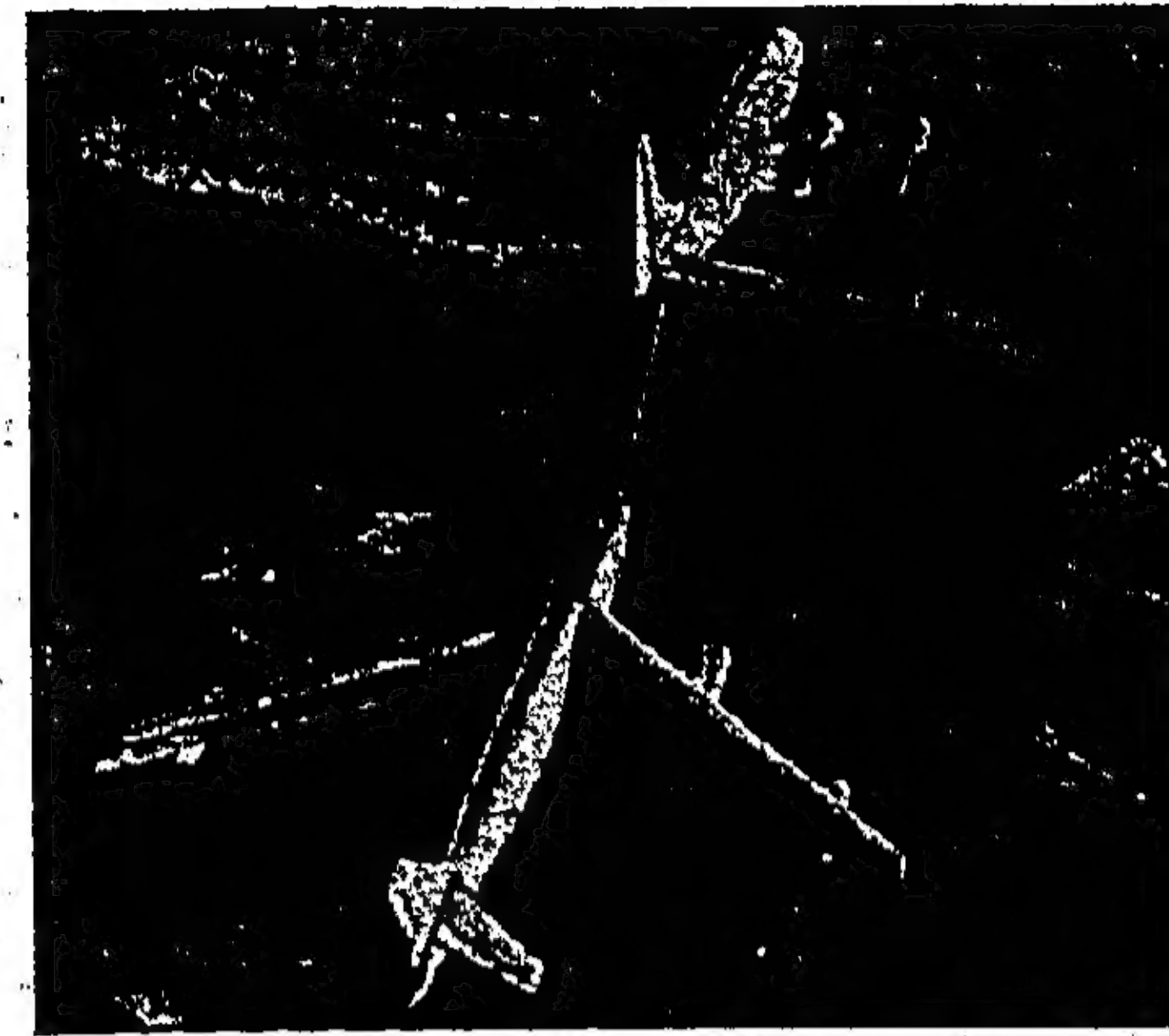
S.A.C. is said to be the most security-conscious military organization in the world, and it does operate behind double fences with electrically controlled locks and under heavy guard, but as I've said, I encountered no barriers at all.

Two men are always near General LeMay himself in case of an assassination attempt; but they were not in evidence when I talked with him.

Best Days

COLONEL Reade Tilley, a youngish-looking Clark Gable, greeted me cordially and told me that he had been in the Eagle Squadron of the R.A.F. at the beginning of the war—"the best days of my life in England with the R.A.F. I never had such fun. I'll never forget it."

He told me that Sir Winston Churchill's speech on the hydrogen bomb had made a great im-



pression on the officers and men here. And General LeMay told me later: "We try to keep up with political developments as best we can."

It was General Francis Griswold, vice-commander at the hydrogen and atom bomb base, who showed me around. We hopped into his old Studebaker, which he bought for \$45 and which has done 80,000 miles, and we swung down the road, past the aircraft bearing the Command crest, which depicts a force through a mailed fist holding in readiness symbolic lightning bolts of destruction and an olive branch.

So we came to the men's barracks—smart, green, wide-windowed buildings that look like a modern block of flats. They are modern steel units which have two-man rooms.

No more are to be built; however. Some Congressmen came down here and said: "Way, these men are being pampered. Soldiers must suffer. This won't

do. It's too expensive anyway." The officers and men never were very fond of Congressmen. Now they have a positive dislike for politicians.

Although the men at S.A.C. are the elite, the top cream of American youth, they get the same pay as any other members of the United States Air Force.

They are very fit and have to undergo rigid physical and psychological tests. Every airman here knows the balancing and throwing techniques of judo, the holding and take-down skills of wrestling, and the club and knifing intricacies of police fighting. They are, in fact, Commandos.

General LeMay insisted upon an expert team of instructors and sent to Japan for jujitsu specialists.

Gruelling Task

FLYING in the modern hydrogen and atom bomb is gruelling and exacting on the body and mind. Some crews are in the air more than 40 hours at a time, and the toll can be considerable.

If I fly with a S.A.C. bomber group within the next week or two, which might happen, I will have to pass the medical tests and then take part in a 30-hour mission far out to sea or over the Arctic wastes before the "bombing" of an American city, which would be a simulated Russian target.

The big bombers never rest. Every three and a half minutes one of S.A.C.'s aircraft is being refuelled in the air somewhere in the world.

General Griswold told me: "There's nothing to refuelling in the air. You could do it." (I doubt that.) "It won't be long," he added, "before commercial airliners adopt refuelling instead of taking off with a heavy load of gasoline as they do now."

Every three and a half minutes somewhere in the world this route is followed as a plane of Strategic Air Command is refuelled in the air.

The giant bombers range all across the world, carrying blocks of concrete of the size and weight of hydrogen and atom bombs in gun-like rebarrels in which they fight their battles with cameras instead of bombs. Sometimes, if the sky is blue and clear, you may see the white lines of vapour—the track of the planes.

All-important

GENERAL GRISWOLD thinks that the bomber is all-important, and said to me: "The Fighter Plan could become obsolete. If there's another war we won't, of course, bomb in formation as during the last one. Even two planes carrying hydrogen bombs close together would be too dangerous. The thing to do is to drop the bomb and get the hell out of it fast."

The official plan of S.A.C. is this: "In the event of sudden aggression S.A.C.'s medium and heavy bombers operating from the United States and advance bases in other parts of the world would immediately mount simultaneous nuclear weapon attacks against a great many selected targets located over a wide geographical area of the enemy's homeland, and it would deliver this devastating onslaught with sustained fury."

There have been so many dress rehearsals that the men know what to do. Targets have been selected long ago, and only the signal has to be given.

There are very detailed and precise plans for the instant issuing of orders for launching bombing action. Even if the President were incapacitated, or out of a sudden attack, the order would go through to LeMay and he would begin the offensive.

General Griswold demonstrated to me the instant communication between headquarters here and other S.A.C. bases.

He picked up a telephone and said: "March Field." He was through at once and said: "Hello, Butch. Just testing and de-feronsting."

The Mission

THE Great Deterrent has a threefold mission. First, it warns the world (which is the jargon here for S.A.C.'s opposite number in Russia) on the ground. The commanders here don't think much of combat in the air as a means of modern warfare.

The second job of S.A.C. is to assist ground and sea theatre commands against the Russian war machine; and the third is to smash the industrial bases of that machine.

Intelligence has supplied S.A.C. with a detailed blueprint for action. I got the impression, strongly that S.A.C. would "shoot the

works" in the first few hours in the event of war, because in the first few hours it would be at peak strength and that strength would diminish later.

Like the Soviet hit the United States homeland with hydrogen and atom bombs—which they could do.

Almost the entire S.A.C. Force under the command of General LeMay would make what is called a simultaneous saturation strike. Like the Iron fist of the Free World, and it would be brought down with stunning force on the Soviet Union if war came.

With the new B-52, the latest giant bomber, LeMay would strike directly from the United States at Moscow or other Russian targets and fly back home. Foreign bases would not be needed.

Here is the supreme autonomy that S.A.C. seeks. And the B-52s, which can do 700 m.p.h., will be probably on the job by June. They've been undergoing tests and training flights for nearly two years.

But the B-47, with its three-man crew (the three-headed monster), remains a special favourite around here. General Griswold swears by it and General LeMay, who first was critical of it, is now a B-47 enthusiast.

LeMay likes to keep his men close to the base and not seeking the hotspots of Omaha. All the men are on instant emergency call, because S.A.C. is on a perpetual war basis.

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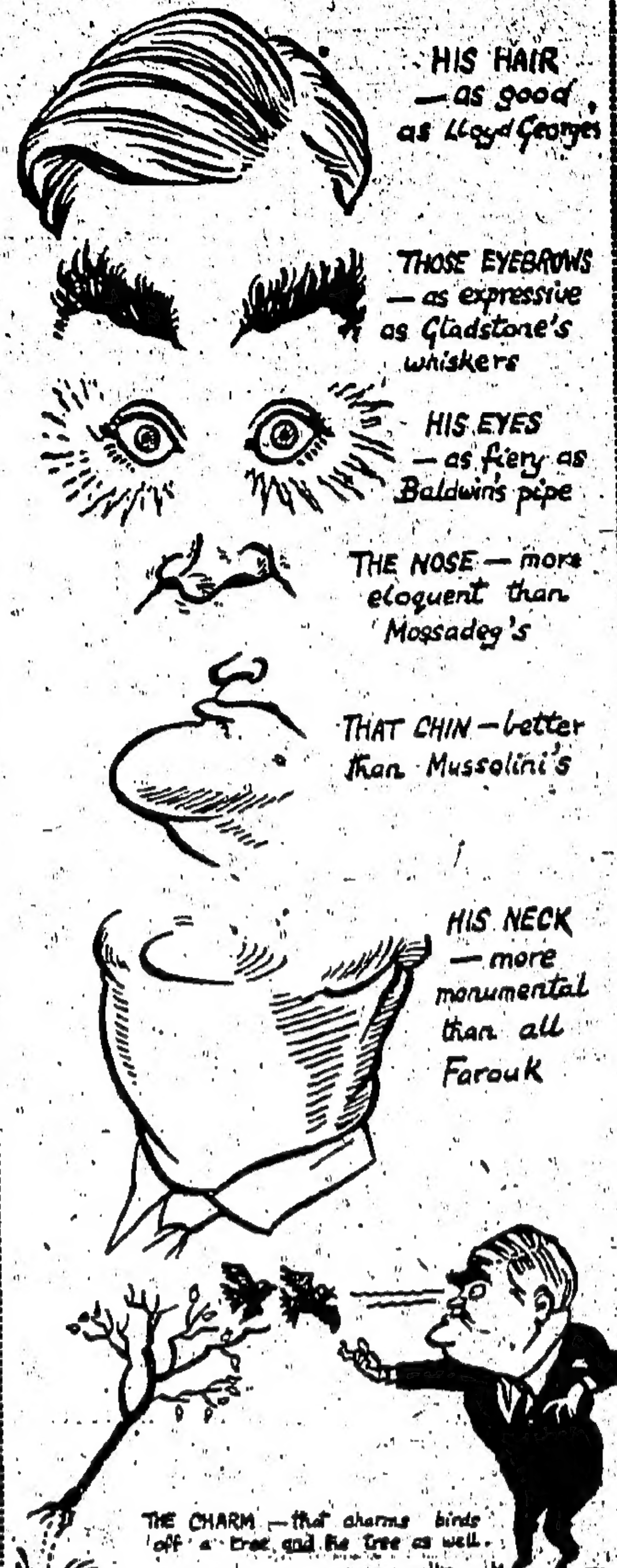
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CUMMINGS offers his tribute to the Cartoonist's Friend in his hour of trouble



Miniature Masterpieces for Milady...

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Rolex offer a miniature watch of superb elegance, yet with a movement large enough to be a marvel of accuracy—truly the best obtainable!

In A Palace, In A Village, In A Valley

By John Culmer

MADRID.

I HAVE just spent an afternoon at El Pardo, the small village in a valley where General Franco has set up his official residence.

As I live near the north end of Madrid, the trip to El Pardo, nine miles from the capital, is even shorter than it would be from the centre of the city, and the car I used made the journey in exactly ten minutes.

We drove past the big triumphal arch, now nearing completion—it marks the spot at which Franco's troops entered Madrid at the end of the Spanish Civil War—swept down the broad, tree-lined boulevard that slices through University City, skirted the Puerta de Hierro, the tall, ornamental iron gate marking a road junction, and drove on through experimental gardens and nurseries lining the banks of the Manzanares River to a broad fork in the road. We turned left and, before we could realise it, were driving down the main street of El Pardo.

We drew up at a café, a long, low building facing the other side of the courtyard, a tiny, oblong place, with yard, told me it was closed.

an eight-foot white wall at the farther side.

I was a little startled to find that this was the wall of the palace grounds, and that the palace itself was virtually a part of the village.

Since at least one well-known Spanish guide-book describes it as "a vast edifice," I was surprised to see that the palace is, in fact, a modest building no bigger than hundreds of English country houses. There is no grand, imposing gateway, and the side gate, which is the only front entrance, stood open.

Civil Guard

The palace chapel, which forms one wing of the building, can be reached from the street through a low-walled courtyard, but when I entered the courtyard and walked towards the door a Civil Guard on duty at the gate of the palace grounds, which is on the other side of the courtyard, told me it was closed.

Beyond, through the open gate, I looked along the gravel drive in front of the palace to the ornamental gardens, where, worked in tiny, close-clipped hedges a few inches high, the Spanish coat-of-arms spread across a grassy slope.

From a short flagstaff set at an angle above the main door of the palace the red-and-gold Spanish flag moved lazily in the light breeze.

In the distance I could see, on duty in front of the palace, a member of the Moorish Guard, which fulfils at El Pardo the same function as that performed at Buckingham Palace and Windsor by the regiments of the Household Brigade. As he moved, his long cloak disclosed white riding breeches above his black, calf-length boots, and he wore the dangerous-looking regulation spiked helmet swathed at its lower edge by a white cloth.

By walking down one street, turning the corner, and walking up the street on the other side, I found I was behind and even closer to the palace, the garden wall flanked by a lower bed of thickly planted with rose-bushes and bougainvillea, and edged by a foot-high wall of coloured tiles decorated with scenes from Don Quixote.

This was the Street of Cervantes, and here, at another gate to the palace grounds, a second Civil Guard was on duty. Still further along the street I came to the white, square building, trimmed with green and gold tiles, which is the barracks of the Moorish Guard. A sentry on duty at the entrance told me I could go no further.

Sole Passion

Returning to the plaza, I crossed the bridge over the Manzanares, stopping to look down at groups of women washing clothes and scrubbing pots and pans as they knelt on the river bank. A duck waded aimlessly in the shallows, and children threw pebbles into the stream.

I climbed the hill to El Cristo del Pardo, a Capuchin friary whose brown-bearded, brown-habited brethren have an impressive view across the Manzanares valley. All this unulating country, backed by the Guadarrama mountains and thickly sprinkled with evergreen oaks, is park land belonging to the palace of El Pardo. It still abounds in wild boar and deer, apart from the thousands of partridges which General Franco is said to enjoy both shooting and eating.

Although El Pardo has been the site of a palace since the

Middle Ages, the present building, nearly two centuries old, was the work of Charles III, who used it for the hunting trips which, apart from building, were the sole passion of his life.

A two-storeyed rectangular building with a small, roofed tower at each corner, the palace has three patios and a handsome inside staircase, but from the outside, with its many windows hung with grey wooden shutters, it suggests no sort of magnificence.

The palace does, however, contain a valuable collection of tapestries from the royal Santa Barbara factory, many of them from designs by Goya, as well as notably fine frescoes and paintings.

Here Franco presides each week at meetings of his Cabinet, receives in civil or military audience high officials of state, church, or party, and occasionally receives visits from distinguished foreigners.

Here Franco spends most of his time, seldom coming to Madrid except for a quick visit to the enormous Royal Palace, unoccupied since Alfonso XIII left Spain in 1931, where he receives with elaborate ceremonial a newly-appointed ambassador, or to attend or benefit, bullfight, or an international football match.

Although the palace of El Pardo was unharmed the village itself was virtually destroyed during the civil war and has been rebuilt at government expense.

IN NO HURRY FOR A TROPHY



Gar. Leslie winning the Slow Race at the Motor Cycle Gymkhana at Shatin on Sunday. He "crawled" the 82 feet 3 inches track in 73 seconds flat.—China Mail Photo.

HKLTA MEETING

Philippine Davis Cup Team May Play In Hongkong

The Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association are negotiating to invite the Philippine Davis Cup team to play a two-day exhibition match here the first week of April. This was disclosed at the LTA's Annual General Meeting held at the HKCC yesterday with Lt. Col. Harry Owen-Hughes presiding.

The Philippines Davis Cup team comprises Felicissimo Ampon, Raymundo Deyro and Johnny Jose. They are to play Burma in the opening tie of the Asian Zone to be held at Rangoon.

Should the Philippine Davis Cup team accept the invitation they will arrive in Hongkong on April 1.

The meeting decided that April 16 be the closing date for entries in the various divisions for the 1955 League competition. The competition will start on May 2.

A suggestion in writing by the Craigelgower Cricket Club that a three-man League Subcommittee be formed to run the League was read at the meeting.

AUSTRALIA 515 FOR 9 AT KINGSTON

Kingston, Mar. 28. Australia made 515 for nine against the West Indies by the close of the second day of the first test here today.

Neil Harvey (133) and Keith Miller (147) put on 224 in four hours 21 minutes for the third wicket.

Harvey hit 20 fours in a stay of just over five hours, while Miller batted five hours 46 minutes and scored 15 fours.

The West Indies were without their all-rounder Frank Worrell, who tore a leg muscle on Saturday.

Spin bowler Alf Valentine, who has an injured finger, bowled for the first time today. He kept a good length but failed to worry Miller, who was eventually out to Walcott in the over before tea.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE HONG KONG DERBY

Saturday, 9th April, 1955

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FA RESULTS

London, Mar. 28. Association Football Results: League Division II Stoke City 2 North 0, League III (Northern) Halifax 2 Town 1, Hartlepool United 0.—Reuter.

ARMY'S UNBEATEN RECORD GOES AS RAF XV PUTS UP TERRIFIC DISPLAY

By "PAK LO"

The RAF, with a terrific display by their forwards, smashed the Army's unbeaten record yesterday evening in the final game of the rugby season when they deservedly won by 11 points (1 goal, 1 try, 1 penalty goal) to 3 points (1 penalty goal) in one of the most thrilling games seen in local rugby for a long time.

The RAF, with a rather weak back line, concentrated on keeping the ball tight and these tactics certainly paid dividends. With McDonald and Lamb playing the games of their lives, and Southwick and Sutcliffe and the rest of the RAF pack backing them up, the Airmen completely swamped the Army forwards.

When the Airmen lost the odd lineout they simply crashed through an almost non-existent defence to harry the Army back line.

And in defence the Army back line turned out to be woefully weak. This is a point I have often stressed but until last night have never seen proved. Parkinson played as well as he always has done, but behind him there were poor passes and fumbles galore.

Brentford, playing his last game in the Colony, had a poor day, and never settled down.

In the Army three Keir tried again and again to open the game up, but his partners were slow off the mark, and even with Patterson making the extra man, never looked like scoring.

The RAF three, heartened by their stalwart forwards, while they never looked dangerous in attack, at least got their man every time in defence.

The Army did not cover as well as usual, and with the RAF forwards snapping up every fumble and gaining

ground the Army defence was sorely tried.

FAIRLY EVEN
The first half was fairly even with the Army winning the major share of the set scrums and getting plenty of chances, but the second was a completely different story.

The RAF won not only the lineouts, but most of the scrums. From that point on it was only a question of time before the Airmen added to their score.

The game opened with some middling play, and then Weeks was sent off for the RAF and he kicked ahead, and Colgan and the ball at his feet for another ten yards until he was stopped by Brentford cleared upfield to half way.

The Army forwards took the ball on at their feet to the Airmen's 25, where they were awarded a penalty for foot up in the scrum, and Keir with a kick opened the scoring for the Army after only 11 minutes.

The Army pressed again after this, but their three moves were ragged, and often they lost ground from a movement, and with the RAF forwards on top of them, never made it up.

The RAF gradually assumed the upper hand, and Logan narrowly missed a long penalty kick. The Army dropped out and Gannon got the ball kicked and found touch about 15 yards from the Army line.

A scrum came from the line-out and the Army won, but were caught in possession and Weeks, already bruised, was through. The Army fumbled and Patterson was forced to touch down and in the five yard scrum that followed the Army were penalised for offside round the scrum and Logan levelled the scores at three-all with an easy conversion.

SECOND HALF
In the second half the RAF were soon on the attack again, and ten yards in from half way the Army were penalised for foot up in a set scrum, and Logan found touch on the Army 25.

The RAF took the ball and kicked ahead and the ball bounced off the upright, Patterson gathered, but was caught in the scrum. However, for obstruction the Army were given a penalty and a chance to clear, but the kick was muffed.

Hockey League Fixtures

As from this week, League Hockey schedule, in order to catch up on outstanding matches caused by Defence Force duties and other unavoidable postponements, will be played during week-days.

The match most likely to draw a big crowd is the Army A v Rangoon A league game at Kina Park on Friday. This match, although it will not affect the final position in the league, is a virtual clash between the two teams which, ever since the war, has always provided splendid hockey fare.

On Saturday, the first of the Ladies Internationals will see Holland and Scotland meet, and this is sure to bring supporters of both camps in quantity to Rangoon.

A curtailed league programme has been arranged for Sunday, and on the following Wednesday, April 6, and Friday, April 8 other Second Division week-day matches have been arranged.

The following is the complete programme for the coming fortnight:

Friday, April 1. Army A v Navy A at Rangoon 5.15 p.m. Umpires: Krishna Lal and P. S. Coxon.
Saturday, April 2. First Division: Rangoon A v Rangoon B at Rangoon 5.15 p.m. Umpires: Krishna Lal and P. S. Coxon.
Second Division: Nav Bharat B v Knights at Sookmoo 2.30 p.m. Umpires: G. T. Palmer and Z. A. Akbar.
Rangoon A v Rangoon B at Kai Tak 2.30 p.m. Umpires: Sgt. Moore and Sgt. Davitt.
Rangoon A v Police at Sookmoo 11 a.m. Umpires: U. S. Dillon and Makhan Singh.
Wednesday, April 3. Second Division: R.A.F. B v Sookmoo A at Kai Tak 5.45 p.m. Umpires: Sgt. Davitt and P. S. Coxon.

Friday, April 8. Second Division: K.I.T.C. v Rangoon A at Rangoon 5.15 p.m. Umpires: B. Gonsalves and H. B. B. B.

Saturday, April 9. First Division: Army A v Rangoon A at Rangoon 5.15 p.m. Umpires: B. Gonsalves and H. B. B. B.

Second Division: Army C v Nav Bharat B at Rangoon 5.15 p.m. Umpires: B. Gonsalves and H. B. B. B.

Second Division: R.A.F. B v Sookmoo A at Kai Tak 5.45 p.m. Umpires: Sgt. Davitt and P. S. Coxon.

Umpires unable to attend are requested to contact P. S. Coxon, Tel. 2021.

HASHIM KHAN WINS SQUASH TITLE

London, Mar. 28.

Hashim Khan of Pakistan won the British open squash title for the fifth consecutive year when he beat his younger brother Azam in the all-professional final at Lansdowne Club, London, tonight by 9-7, 7-9, 9-7, 5-9 and 9-7.

He equalled the record of the Egyptian amateur, F.D. Amr Bey.

Hashim although conceding 10 years and suffering from a cold and strained thigh muscle, in his right leg, was the better stroke player.

Both players made fine recoveries in winning two each of the first four games.

Azam was down 1-7 in the second and 1-5 in the fourth but each time Hashim seemed to tire and his brother ran out the winner.

There was a great struggle for the final game. Hashim raced away to a 4-0 lead and had match point at 8-6, yet failed to clinch the issue. But he made certain of victory after Azam had pulled up to 8-7, winning at 9-7 for his fifth success.—France-Press.

DAVIS CUP

PHILIPPINES LEAD 2-0

Rangoon, Mar. 28.

The Philippines took a 2-0 lead over Burma on the first day of the Eastern Zone Davis Cup lawn tennis tie here today.

Felicissimo Ampon, top ranking Philippine star, beat Major Ko Ko 6-1, 6-1, 6-0, and Raymundo Deyro triumphed over Captain Mawng Mawng 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.

The European players in their first international tournament were no match for the Philippine stars who completely dominated the exchanges.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLES by Barry Appleby



RUGGER RESULTS

London, Mar. 28. Lincolns beat Swindon by 10 points to 3 in a Rugby Union match this evening.

St Helens defeated Liverpool City 12-4 in a Rugby League game.—Reuter.

Melbourne Games Organisers Are Optimistic

Melbourne, Mar. 28.

Preparations for the 1956 Olympic Games here are now well under way and reports to the contrary can be discarded, two Australian Olympic Committee officials told Agents.

Mr J. J. Holt and General William Bridgeford, two leading members of the Olympic Games Organising Committee, said that the International Olympic Committee would be able to see for himself how things stood here during his forthcoming visit.

Mr Bridgeford announced in Chicago yesterday he would leave America for Australia some time this week to make an on-the-spot survey of Olympic preparations.

The two Australian officials said that the construction programme for the Olympic Village, the swimming pool and the cycle track were now well ahead of schedule. They added that the only work slightly behind schedule was that for the Olympic Stadium, temporarily delayed by a local strike.—France-Press.

HKFC TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club in a Second Division Soccer match against Sing Tao at the Club ground commencing at 8 p.m.: Bentley, W. J. MacDonald, Lashley, Lapage, Plank, O'Neill, Campbell, Dyer, O'Kelly, Torrington, Wake, Reserves: Babins, Munch, McLean.

HKASA MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association will meet in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Ltd on Monday, April 4 at 5.30 p.m.

It is hoped that a full attendance will be obtained on that date.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



South China Athletic Association this year have provided the winners of both the Sir Gerard Howe and Lady Howe Trophies for the Athletes of the Year.

The Athlete of the Year trophies are awarded not only for outstanding performance but also for sportsmanship and persistence in trying to achieve a higher standard of performance.

On the left is Lam Kak-lan, Colony record holder at 200 Metres and 220 Yards, and on the right Chan King-yin, winner of this year's 10 Miles Road Race.—China Mail Photo.

COLONY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS SUMMARIES

The following were the detailed results of the Colony Athletic Championships finals at Caroline Hill on Sunday:

100 METRES DASH: 1. Stephen Kayler (HKAA) 11.08; 2. W. L. McCall (HKAA) 11.12; 3. Wong Man-wai (SCAA) 11.25; 4. AB Merritt (RNAC) 11.30; 5. G. W. Petro (Army AA) 11.35; 6. Fung Kai-lee (HKUAC) 11.40.

200 METRES DASH: 1. Stephen Kayler (HKAA) 22.58; 2. D. H. Clouting (RAF & HKAA) 24.05; 3. AB Merritt (RNAC) 24.10; 4. G. W. Petro (Army AA) 24.15; 5. Fung Kai-lee (HKUAC) 24.20.

400 METRES RUN: 1. L. M. C. Sweeney (Army AA) 51.48; 2. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 52.10; 3. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 52.15; 4. G. W. Petro (Army AA) 52.20; 5. T. J. Chaffin (Army AA) 52.25.

800 METRES RUN: 1. L. K. Birch (Army AA) 1:58.00; 2. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 2:00.00; 3. T. J. Chaffin (Army AA) 2:01.00; 4. Frank Walter (HKAA) 2:02.00; 5. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 2:03.00.

1500 METRES RUN: 1. M. P. Curzon (Police AC & HKAA) 4:15.00; 2. T. J. Chaffin (Army AA) 4:16.00; 3. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 4:17.00; 4. Frank Walter (HKAA) 4:18.00; 5. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 4:19.00.

5000 METRES RUN: 1. M. B. S. Tishin (Army AA & HKAA) 18:15.00; 2. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 18:16.00; 3. T. J. Chaffin (Army AA) 18:17.00; 4. Frank Walter (HKAA) 18:18.00; 5. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 18:19.00.

ONE MILE WALK: 1. P. E. Grant (Army AA) 20:23.00; 2. D. W. Owens (Army AA) 20:24.00.

110 METRES HIGH HURDLES: 1. Capt. J. E. Mulvaney (Army AA) 1:55.00; 2. Chang Yat-hung (SCAA) 1:56.00; 3. Sgt. L. Cooper (Army AA) 1:57.00; 4. Sgt. W. A. Army AA 1:58.00.

400 METRES LOW HURDLES: 1. Ho Hui-po (SCAA) 5:15.00; 2. E. M. Bell (Army AA & HKAA) 5:16.00; 3. A. F. Collico (HKAA) 5:17.00; 4. M. C. Mearns (Police AC & HKAA) 5:18.00; 5. Leung Kam-po (SCAA) 5:19.00.

400 METRES RELAY: 1. Army AA (Mulvaney, Petro, Bailey, Weldon) 4:15.00; 2. HKAA (Maclean, McCall, Xavier) 4:16.00; 3. SCAA (Leung Kam-po, Chang Yat-hung, Mearns, Chang Yat-hung) 4:17.00.

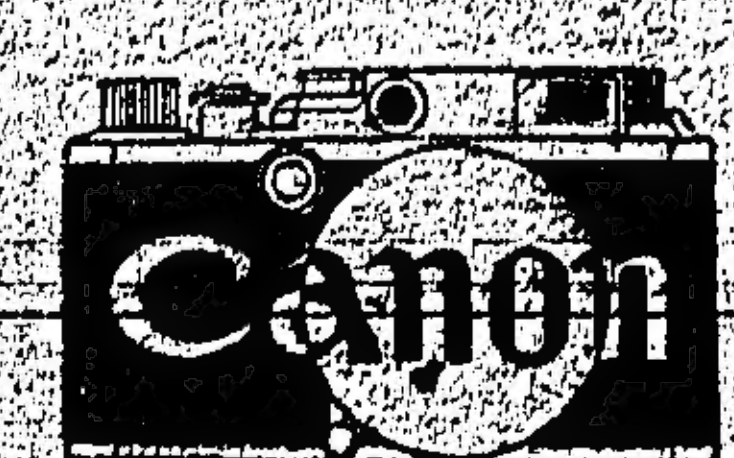
100 METRES RELAY: 1. Army AA (L. B. M. Parsons, Col. P. E. Dane, Lt. K. Birch, Lt. M. C. Sweeney) 1:35.00; 2. SCAA (Ho Hui-po, Leung Kam-po, Leung Kam-po, Leung Kam-po) 1:36.00; 3. HKAA (Collico, Mearns, Curzon) 1:37.00.

HIGH JUMP: 1. S. T. T. (HKSSA) 4 feet 13 inches; 2. Wendy Yeo (HKUAC) 4 feet 9 inches.

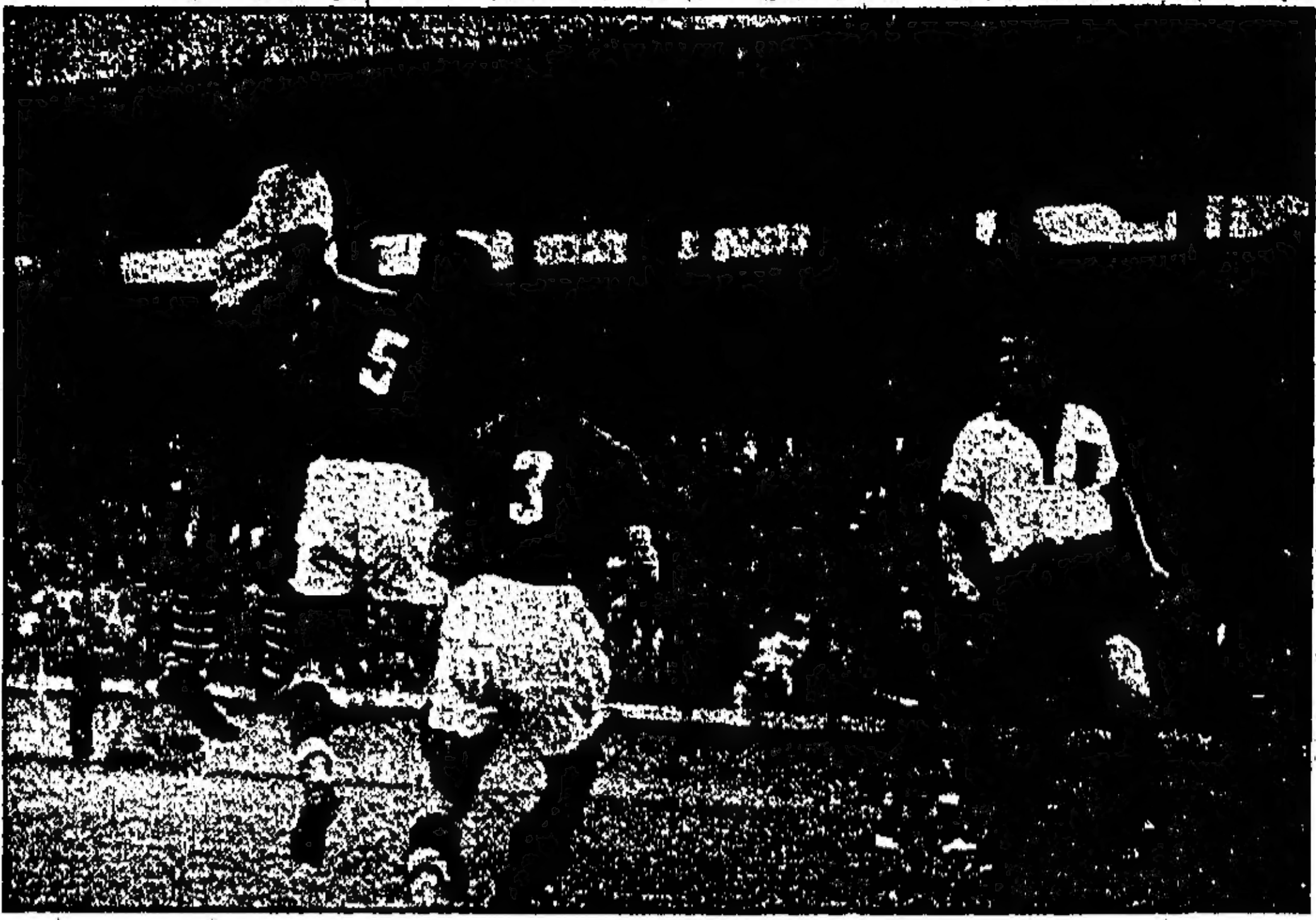
LONG JUMP: 1. Fong Sik (SCAA) 15 feet 3 inches; 2. Lam Kak-lan (SCAA) 15 feet 1 inch; 3. Ng Sik (SCAA) 15 feet 1 inch; 4. Wendy Yeo (HKUAC) 15 feet 1 inch.

400 METRES RELAY: 1. South China AA 14:16; 2. HKASA 14:17; 3. South China AA 14:18.

Whatever the subject CAPTURE IT WITH



TENSE MOMENT IN SHIELD FINAL



Morris at work. The Army centre-forward, renowned for his brilliant work in the air, jumps to head the ball to his inside-right, Murray (facing camera), during a tense moment in the South China Army Senior Shield soccer final at the Club ground on Saturday.

Ko Po-keung (5) the South China pivot is being used as a "rest", while Lau Yee (3), eyes on the ball, runs in to tackle Murray. South China won the match 6-1.—China Mail Photo.

A PART from the Queen's horses, there are 35 belonging to other owners at Cecil Boyd-Rochford's Newmarket stable. On his return from holiday Boyd-Rochford found the horses had been well looked after by Bruce Hobbs but, as none is forward, the stable may not have any runners before the Newmarket season opens.

I doubt whether I have anything good enough for the classic races this year," says the trainer, "unless it is MELD."

This charming filly split a pastern in the spring of last year but was able to take part in two races in the autumn. After running second to Corral in First October week she was an easy winner at the Houghton meeting. One of the low and lengthy type, Meld has that touch of quality which is the hallmark of the high-class thoroughbred.

A daughter of Alycidon, she is out of Dolly Double, who comes from a family which has provided Lady Zia Wernher with a host of winners over the years.

Meld is in the 1000 Guineas, Oaks and St Leger and it is in the Oaks that I expect her to shine.

Cup hopes rest on OSBORNE, now eight years old. He had been bought as a lead horse for Premonition but it was the schoolmaster who proved the stouther.

After winning the Goodwood Stakes comfortably under 8st. 7lb. he finished for the season.

Hungarians Are Carrying Things A Bit Too Far

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Germany are the holders of the World Cup. Germany have played "A" and "B" Internationals in England these last few months for the first time. In other words, German Soccer is rehabilitated. Now I learn that the 55 years old German Football Association has applied to the International Federation to stage the 1962 World Cup series. Argentina and Uruguay have also made application, and Russia and Hungary intend to do so.

Like countries all over the world, Germany has made rapid strides in football during the last half-century. When the Association was formed it had 2,000 players. Now it possesses 350 clubs and 1,600,000 players.

Its Secretary, Dr. Heinz Kander, told me of a curious phenomenon. He said: "Although we won the World Cup the number of our players of first grade international standard is very limited and that is why, hit by illness, we have been unable to field a satisfactory substitute team. There is a wide gap between our comparatively few highest men and the general standard."

STRANGE

Another interesting sidelight in Continental football is the announcement that several large sums have been changed hands among Hungarian clubs in connection with the transfer of leading players. This is a rather strange state of affairs, to say the least, when one remembers that Hungary is due to defend her Olympic repeat Olympic title at the Melbourne Games next year. We have long been used to this pseudo-amateurism overseas, but surely this is carrying things a bit too far.

But I doubt whether we shall hear any more about the matter from the International

Federation any more than we heard of action on their part over the sending off of Brazilian and Hungarian players in the World Cup semi-final in Switzerland by Mr. Arthur Ellis.

One other interesting aspect of Continental football is the new craze to import players and then naturalise them. Italy started the idea by bringing a number of stars from South America and making them citizens. Now the bug has reached France. Already a Swede playing for Marseilles has become a Frenchman and it is hoped there that Stalpas, the Austrian, now appearing for Strasbourg, will follow in their footsteps.

The idea, of course, is to make them eligible in the eyes of the International Federation to play for France in her International matches. It is an easy way to open the door to a new qualification rule by touting with the idea of playing one of Charlton Athletic's South Africans. The position, I agree, is not quite the same, but it is elastic enough to set a precedent for the overseas nations to seize upon.

Meld has touch of quality

by James Park

by virtually running away with the Doncaster Cup. He then met with a mishap and had to be turned out for a spell. He is back in training again looking big and well.

Osborne improved so much late in life that I would not care to say he has reached the limit of his improvement. Now 10 years old, I expect the main task of ROMAN WAY will be to make himself useful in home gallops. But he will also be allowed to enjoy himself on the racecourse with a stable apprentice in the saddle.

ASTRAEUS is now in possession of his full strength for the first time. He is a powerful colt and is bred on lines which suggest that he will stay a longer course than he has yet attempted.

FALSTAFF II is a newcomer from France and is a well-made colt. He has not had much racing and in two seasons has had only six races of which he has won four. In the French

Free Handicap he was rated within 8lb. of the best of his age, which suggests he is a good colt.

There are only four three-year-olds colts, and DEVONPORT has still to run. He is a big, heavy-topped colt by Alycidon and in the hope that it might fine him down a bit, he has been schooled over hurdles as if he might not find his full strength until next year.

I fancy FERTIVIG was a difficult subject to train as a two-year-old and took part in only two races. He is built on attractive lines and looks the sprinting type. Periwig is a son of Court Martial, as is RETRIAL. Nothing was seen of Retrial until the autumn, when he won a race on an objection. He was staying on and, as the distance was seven furlongs, he might stay a bit further.

The three-year-old fillies may do better than the colts as, apart from Meld, there are a few who have shown ability. Sir Humphrey de Trafford owns a lovely filly in THUNDER, a daughter of Hyperion. She was lightly used in her first season and should step up on anything she has yet accomplished.

The two-year-olds are a taking lot, but Boyd-Rochford is never in a hurry. Unless they come to hand naturally, they are given every chance.

Several of the fillies took my eye. MAMOUNIA, by Chateau II, cost Mrs. Elizabeth Graham 17,500 guineas at the Dewar sale. That's a lot of money to recover, but there is a sturdy look about this thick-set filly.

(London Express Service)

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed).....

OPEN TABLE TENNIS

ENGLISH TITLES LIKELY TO GO TO FOREIGNERS

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Richard Bergmann enters the table tennis arena as an unknown quantity when he defends his title and the honour of England in the English 'Open' championships at Wembley today.

Unknown, because although he has won the championship five times, there are no tournament results and no international form books to help assess his chances. Bergmann has only recently returned from an American exhibition tour.

Even so, this 38-year-old former World Champion is the man in whom England place their hopes. In the past Johnny Leach and Abbey Simons have lent powerful support. But Leach has not a particularly impressive record this season, while the bespectacled Simons is but a shadow of his old dynamic self.

Youngsters Brian Kennedy, Bryan Merrett and Alan Rhodes, being groomed for the World Championship Swaythling Cup team, lack experience.

OVERSEAS CHALLENGE

Can Bergmann retain his title? Personally I feel the overseas challenge will prove too great. Naturally, a lot depends on the luck of the draw. But I cannot see Bergmann triumphing over Czechoslovakia's Ivan Andreadis, the most classical player in the tournament; or over the terrible hitting power of Yugoslavia's tinge sponge, or Dolar, or Tage Flisberg, Sweden's dark horse, also a sponge.

What of Australia's Lew Laza, the man who took England by storm with his peculiar sponge grip? Laza has already beaten Brian Kennedy, but lost to Merrett. Despite his brilliant form since his arrival in England last year, this is likely to be one show that will not go his way.

From England's point of view, prospects are much brighter for the women's events. Providing she can shake off the strong challenge from Scotland's Helen Elliott and Shirley Jones of Wales, Rosalind Rowe should bring the singles title back to England. But the limitations of Ann Haydon, joint top seed with Rosalind, are likely to be shown up.

The Rowe Twins, too, can be expected to march to victory in the doubles.

JUNIOR PREVIEW

No small amount of limelight, with the additional spotlight of television, will be captured by the stars of tomorrow.

Dutch Girl Breaks World Swim Record

Hilversum, Mar. 28.

Mary Kok, 14-year-old Dutch girl, best the World 100 Metres Medley swimming record here tonight when she covered the distance in five minutes 47.3 seconds.

The previous record of five mins 50.4 secs was set by the Hungarian, Eva Szekely, in April 1953.—Reuter.

The Juniors will be out in force to show off their talents before a capacity crowd of 10,000 at Wembley's Empire Pool, scene of so many sporting triumphs and failures.

Two most likely to cause a stir are 18-year-olds Eric Arndt from Germany and America's Erwin Klein.

Arndt has already made his mark on English table tennis fans. When in England for the Germany-England Junior International, he won the Kent 'Open' title.

This will be Klein's first visit to England. He brings with him a high reputation as a determined young man and a "killer" in the table tennis arena. He is Canadian 'Open' Senior Champion.

Britain's Ann Haydon is an almost certain winner in the Girls' Singles, while she and Kent's Joyce Fielder are favourites to take the Junior Girls' Doubles.

DISAPPOINTED LAD

Most disappointed lad in England while the English 'Open' Table Tennis championships are in progress at Wembley will be 16-year-old Eddie Rodson, of Middlesex and English Juniors.

Eddie, who won the Scandinavian Junior title, on his first overseas tour with the English team, has been preparing all season for a crack at the English junior championship.

An apprentice stereotype printer, Eddie cannot get leave from his work to play.

Eddie will not even be a spectator on Finals night. Instead this former "Daily Mirror" National champion will be defending his title in the Metropolitan YMCA Closed Championships.

Elegance—More By Accident Than Design

By Mary Hampson

I've been talking to Eva Bartok. We only briefly touched on hats—as you probably know, she has quite a reputation for them—yet we found plenty to say.

Glamour is a word that is impossible to define; you can only recognise the quality when you see it. It isn't just beauty, though Eva is lovely, with a pale face minus make-up, a wonderful white smile and eyes as deep and dark as a mountain lake!

It isn't clothes, Eva Bartok is elegant more by accident than by design. When I met her she was wearing a bottle-green cardigan buttoned up to the neck, tartan jeans of an unclassical cut, and high-heeled boots. Her hair, she said, looked "terrible" and she wasn't far wrong, because it had been hacked wildly to accommodate a wig she has to wear in a current role she is playing.

WORKMANLIKE HANDS

And yet—she is one of the most glamorous women I have ever met.

She has oddly workmanlike hands, with short, unvarnished nails and no jewellery, and it wasn't any surprise to learn that she is a sparetime sculptress.

"I awakened one morning," she said, "and I suddenly knew I must do something—paint or model, but something. I went right out to the shop and bought loads of paint and canvas and modelling clay, just to see which I liked best. I tried the lot, and loved modelling."

"When I was filming it was nothing for me to make half-a-dozen figures in my dressing-room between shots. I'm dying to start on clay, but... it's not easy to carry around..."

Eva loves poetry, and used to write it, but not any more. She loves the memory of Budapest, where she was born.

and she's homesick for what it used to be, not what it is now.

She loved the first sight of Edinburgh, and the sound of the Scots accent. She loves driving in an open car and eating when she's hungry!

She loves living: "If I were very rich, you know, I couldn't just do nothing; I couldn't go to chess shows and drink tea and play cards. And I've never heard so much disdain and disgust packed into one little word!"

She likes hats, and brought an armful to show me, in wonderful colours and textures. "My mother says why do I bother with so many colours when I never wear anything but black." And she gave the next best thing to a giggle, because she didn't know the answer, and brandished a golden felt under my nose. "That's an impossible colour for me to wear, but I had to try it. It got scorched inside when I put it on the lamp!"

She said it so matter-of-factly that I didn't begin to wonder why she put it on the lamp until she'd swept all the hats away. Then we were back on the topic of the theatre again, and when Eva Bartok talks about the theatre she's very hard to stop!

Besides, she has a lovely voice, with just enough accent to make it intriguing, and all you want to do is listen...

International Competition Excellent Training For 1956 Olympics

Mexico City, Mar. 28.

International competition, the keynote of the Pan American Games, served as excellent training for the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.

With the Soviet Union organising their own 'National Olympics' this year with Melbourne in mind, countries from North and South America got an early start in competitive training for the four-yearly world event.

At the close of the Games two world and 54 Pan American records had been broken. These were achieved despite Mexico City's high humidity and altitude, and proved that for short events demanding a powerful burst of energy athletes could conserve enough oxygen in their blood to break through the "humidity barrier" and "altitude barrier".

Typical of this was the spectacular record breaking 16.56 metre lead made by Brazil's tall Negro, Adhemar Ferreira da Silva. He added 22 centimetres to the 1953 record set up by Leonid Schervakov of the Soviet Union.

The other athletic record was set up by United States track star Lou Jones when he covered the 400 metres in 45.4 seconds. The previous record of 45.8 seconds was set up by George Rhoden of Jamaica, British West Indies at Eskilstuna, Sweden in 1950.—France-Press.

What's best in Kowloon?



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STOCK MARKET INVESTIGATION

(1st Phase) OVER
Operators Heave Sigh
And Prices Recover

By JOHN MORKA

New York Mar. 28.

The Fulbright Committee ended one phase of its probe of booming stock prices in the United States on a firm note last week.

Its Chairman stated that he found no major abuses in market practices to account for a more than 50 per cent boost in security prices in the past 15 months. He said there was no need for any urgent corrective action now.

NEW YORK

STOCK
MARKETIndustrial Leaders
Give Ground

New York, Mar. 28. Stocks turned irregular today, with rails shares featuring on the upside while recent industrial leaders gave ground.

Gains in the rails ranged to more than 2 points in Union Pacific.

So-called special issues in the industrials had gains ranging to 3 or 4 points but profit-taking was the general rule and the group lost 1.50 points on average. Utilities, too, dipped with Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line the worst offender with a loss of nearly 2 points.

Trading was at a moderate pace with turnover totalling 2,540,000 shares, the same as Friday.

1,230 ISSUES TRADED

The setback today came as the list once again approached its bull market highs after four consecutive sessions of advance. Out of a total 1,230 issues traded, there were 582 lower, 403 higher.

While many of last week's strong movers backed down under realising—Douglas, Zenith, Combustion Engineering, Babcock and Wilcox, Radio Corp., Eastern Corp., off a point to more than 2 points—others continued in demand.

General Dynamics ran up more than 2 points. A 4-point gainer was Owens-Corning up on a favourable forecast.

COPPERS RESPOND

Some coppers continued to respond to a tightening price and supply picture for the metal but others lost on profit-taking. Andco Copper featured with a gain of more than 3 points.

Oils were mostly lower.

Bethlehem, a strong leader last week, backed down nearly 2 points to stand out in a narrow steel group.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,289,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 807,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages today were as follows:

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alcoa Inc. Apy.	21 1/2
Allied Chemicals	27 1/2
American Airlines	27 1/2
American Metal	27 1/2
American Smelting	45 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	18 1/2
Boeing Aircraft	18 1/2
Cisco (U. S. L. Co.)	10 1/2
Chas. National Bank	25 1/2
Commercial Credit	25 1/2
Commonwealth Elec.	40
Cranco Co.	47 1/2
Goodrich (U. S. L. Co.)	47 1/2
International Paper	32 1/2
John-Macville Co.	85 1/2
Minnesota Mining	90
Pacific Western Co.	49 1/2
Rockwell International	49 1/2
Shaw-Walker Co.	85 1/2
South Railway (Com.)	85 1/2
Standard Oil (Ind.)	12 1/2
U. S. Steel Corp.	22 1/2
U. S. L. Co.	22 1/2

Owing to poor radio reception many of our stock prices were not received this morning.

United Press.

The Senate Committee has been trying to find out why stock prices go up or down. It was prompted by fears that undue speculation in securities posed a danger to the U. S. economy.

Since its start on March 3, the market had experienced some of its widest gyrations in years. Many were ready to blame the Committee's "friendly study" for the cumulative drop of about \$10,000,000,000. So far the market has recovered about two-thirds of its three-week losses.

The probe, however, is not over yet. There will be executive sessions next week. And there is the possibility of more public hearings on special subjects. But financial experts here were ready to dismiss the Fulbright Committee probe as a major market influence.

There was strong evidence of this new optimistic feeling in the market's behaviour on Wednesday.

PRICES BOOMED

Prices boomed from two to fifteen points, with almost all segments sharing in the rise. The Fulbright findings were advanced as the reason for the market's response.

The probe showed signs of degenerating into a political football as Republican spokesmen charged the Democrats with undermining American confidence in the business future. Whatever the merits of this charge, financial observers here accept the Committee's clean bill of health as a virtual admission that if there is any weakness in the U. S. economy, it is not the market.

Whether the Fulbright hearings have been justified so far is still being debated. There is general agreement, however, that

World Rubber

Markets

Singapore, Mar. 28. The rubber market steadied a bit towards the close after being very quiet during the day. Future closings:

No. 2 rubber per lb.	Apr.	80 1/2-81 1/2
No. 3	"	81 1/2-82 1/2
No. 4	"	82 1/2-83 1/2
Spct rubber unbleached ...		83 1/2-84 1/2
Blanket crepe		80 1/2-81 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe		84 1/2-85 1/2

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Turning Point

GEORGE joined the Army as a boy in the days that seem so distant now, in the late summer of the world's content—1912.

He served through the 1914-18 war and soon after it was over, long the Army with the rank of Company Sergeant-Major, and a character marked "Excellent."

George had taken the trouble to master a trade before leaving the Army, so the transition into a civilian, which some old soldiers have found so troublesome, was for him, easy.

TROUBLES BEGIN

He got a job as a carpenter and settled down to live in a small town in the Midlands. He became father of five children, whom he and his wife saw safely through until they reached maturity and set off on courses of their own choosing.

When after 20 years, George's job died on him, it was not long before he found another, where he stayed until two years ago, when his health began to give him trouble.

He was on and off the sick-list then, but he carried on as best he could until a few weeks ago, when something happened that hurt him even more than illness had.

FILL CLEAR OUT

GEORGE discovered one day that his wife had fired of him. There was another man whom she preferred. The shock to George, after such long years of marriage, was profound.

It was a situation he had never reckoned to encounter, and a feeling of helplessness almost overwhelmed him. He sought advice at the vicarage. The vicar did what he could, but his talking had no effect. He confessed his failure.

"There are still the courts, George," he said. "You could still go to court about it." But George was not going to have his wife's name or his own dragged through the courts. "If I don't do that, thank you," he said. "There's only one thing I can do — clear out."

TIED, HUNGRY

He cleared out, and left his new man, and came to London. George was still too unwell for regular work and he lived as best he could on public assistance, putting up in common lodgings-houses.

The other night he found that he had not the price of a bed. He had not the price of a meal either, so he went to the room the night before, to tire himself out of his hunger. In the morning he would find somewhere to rest.

On his long walk he found some crates of milk piled outside a shop. The temptation was too much for him. He picked up a half-pint bottle, and a policeman found him drinking it, on the spot.

ANYWHERE TO GO?

At Clerkenwell Court George pleaded guilty to the theft, and his story was told to the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell.

"If I discharge you, have you somewhere to go tonight?" Mr. Powell asked George, when the tale was over.

"So long as they don't take my bed-ticket away because of this case, I can go to the hostel," George said. He saw himself now as a criminal, outcast, but could not believe that the other men, whose home was in the rough lodgings, might conceivably be worse sinners than he.

"Well, I'm going to discharge you conditionally," the magistrate said. "You have a talk with the probation officer before you go."

"Thank you, sir," George said. He slipped away and the probation officer who knew so much about the trials that best good men, went quietly after him, to do what he could to help.

Churchill To Give Statement

London, Mar. 28. Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill is to make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow on his talks with the leaders of the Lancashire cotton industry last Thursday.

Mr. Peter Thomson, President of the Board of Trade, is also expected to speak.

It is not known whether measures to protect Lancashire against foreign competition will be announced in the course of these statements. — France-Press.

Remarkable Dog Which Gets Around On Wheels



Liverpool Dock Strike Called Off

London, Mar. 28. A loudspeaker van patrolled the eight miles of Liverpool's dockland this afternoon calling off the lightning strike involving 6,000 men which broke out there this morning over union issues.

An official announced over the loudspeaker that the National Dock Board, which employs the dockers, was going to seek the advice of the courts to obtain a settlement and that meantime no dockers would be sacked by the management.

The trouble which broke out this morning is a further phase in the conflict between the large and powerful Transport and General Workers Union and the smaller, "letting" Dockers and Stevedores Union.

The conflict cost the United Kingdom thousands of pounds in the strikes which swept the ports last autumn.

UNION CLAIM

The members of the larger union claim that a 30-year-old contract gives them sole right to work in Mersey Docks, second only to London in importance. This contract is to be submitted to the courts.

This morning's trouble arose when the National Dock Labour Board demanded the presentation of a union card of the Transport and General Workers Union from each dock worker in a request for the registration book entitling him to work on Merseyside.

This led members of the smaller Dockers and Stevedores Union to believe that they would be excluded from the Liverpool docks. They therefore called a lightning strike.

Similar action was taken at nearby Manchester. Britain's fourth largest port, where most meetings were expected to take place during the afternoon.

In view of the steps taken by the authorities in Liverpool this morning, it was expected that work would resume in both ports tomorrow. — France-Press.

Radio Hongkong

6.30 Time Signal and Programme Summary. **6.45** BBC Handstand. **7.00** Band of Her Majesty's Scout Guards. **7.15** C. H. B. Rhodes, M.B.E. (BBC7S). **8.30** First Hearing presented by Hugh Sullivan (Radio). **9.00** La Demi-Heure Française. **9.15** Sunday Service. **9.30** Weather Report. **9.45** Time Signal. **10.00** World News (London Relay). **10.15** Commentary (London Relay). **10.30** News (London Relay). **10.45** News (London Relay). **11.00** News (London Relay). **11.15** News (London Relay). **11.30** News (London Relay). **11.45** News (London Relay). **12.00** News (London Relay). **12.15** News (London Relay). **12.30** News (London Relay). **12.45** News (London Relay). **1.00** News (London Relay). **1.15** News (London Relay). **1.30** News (London Relay). **1.45** News (London Relay). **2.00** News (London Relay). **2.15** News (London Relay). **2.30** News (London Relay). **2.45** News (London Relay). **3.00** News (London Relay). **3.15** News (London Relay). **3.30** News (London Relay). **3.45** News (London Relay). **4.00** News (London Relay). **4.15** News (London Relay). **4.30** News (London 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